

## Early deadlines

To enable The CJN staff to enjoy some vacation time, the newspaper will be closed the week of July 6. As a result, we're printing the July 9 issue earlier than usual. So please make note of these dates.

Editorial deadline is Monday, June 29 at noon.

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As a result of the week-long closing, there will be no issue of July 16. As well, there will be no issues of July 2 and August 6, in keeping with The CJN's revised 47 issues a year publishing schedule.

The office will be closed for legal holidays on June 24 and July 1 in Montreal. In Toronto, the office will be closed on July 1 and August 3.

# Too close to call

## Neck and neck race

By LEORA FRUCHT

### JERUSALEM —

With one week to go in the Israeli election campaign, political pundits are predicting a national unity government, in light of the ever-narrowing gap between the Labor-led bloc and that headed by the Likud.

Three public opinion polls showed the opposing blocs running neck and neck in a virtual 60-60 split of the 120-seat Knesset. One poll gave the Likud — right wing — religious bloc a two-seat lead, another predicted a one-seat advantage for the Labor — left wing bloc, while a third poll forecast an even split.

The large percentage of undecided voters (14-23 percent depending on the poll) and the substantial margin of error make these surveys an unreliable gauge of final results. But they do show a clear trend of continuing erosion of support for Labor and a corresponding increase in backing for the Likud over the last two months.

In response to the tight race, political analysts and party leaders are already sounding out the possibility of a national unity government. Both Likud leader Yitzhak Shamir and Labor chief Yitzhak Rabin said recently they would be open to that option.

"Never before have the positions of Labor and Likud been so alike," notes Hebrew University political scientist Dr. Abraham Diskin, in predicting a national unity government.

Prof. Moshe Lissak of the Hebrew University's sociology department is also betting on a national unity government. But he maintains that unlike past national unity governments, this one will have great repercussions and could "permanently change the political map of Israeli society."

Lissak predicts that the opposition inside the Likud and Labor to a national unity government could be so strong as to tear the two parties from within. In his view, one possible outcome could see the radical wing of the Likud break off to form a new unified bloc, encompassing all the right-wing parties, under the leadership of Ariel Sharon.

Similarly, the dovish wing of the Labor party might split off and join up with Meretz, thereby bolstering the left wing bloc, suggests Lissak.

Both Shamir and Rabin are believed to favor a national unity government over a narrow coalition.

Shamir realizes it is the only way to advance the peace talks and autonomy; Rabin, in addition to sharing those goals, is concerned about his own power base. After building up a hard-won image as a hawk, he is unlikely to relish being identified as the leader of a narrow left-wing coalition government.

While it's a pretty safe bet that both Rabin and Shamir would agree to head a broad-based government, the real question is would either leader join a national unity government led by the other. For Shamir, who will be retiring before the next elections, this would be an especially humiliating position.

Many say he would step down now rather than accept a number two post.

One interesting scenario that has been suggested is that if Rabin has the upper hand, he may ask David Levy to serve as foreign minister with — or without — the rest of the Likud in the coalition. Levy's bitterness with his Likud colleagues is well-known. His moderate positions on the peace process do not deviate much from those held by the Labor party.

For his part, Rabin could capitalize on the considerable grassroots support that Levy has behind him and broaden his coalition. A poll conducted by Teleser showed that 41 percent of respondents would support the participation of Levy in a Rabin-led government, while some 80 percent believed this combination would contribute to the advancement of the peace process.

Another possible outcome being forecast is a rotation government along the lines of the 1984 coalition. Shamir would serve as prime minister for the first two years — during which time Likud would be scrambling furiously to choose his successor. The new leader would probably assume the reigns of the party in time for the switch to a Labor-led national unity government two years down the line.

One name conspicuously absent in most of the proposed scenarios is Shimon Peres. The former Labor leader, who headed the national unity government from 1984-86, may have a hard time getting a high profile post in any national unity government this time — especially if it is led by Shamir.

The jockeying for posts between Likud leadership contenders Levy, Moshe Arens, and Sharon, may well make any key ministry beyond Peres' reach.

## Rabbi attacks Deri

### JERUSALEM —

A patronizing comment against Sephardim by Israel's most revered Ashkenazi rabbi has set off shock waves in the ultra-Orthodox community and is certain to influence the results of the upcoming election.

The 96-year-old spiritual leader of the "mitnagdim" community, Rabbi Eliezer Schach, provoked a storm last week when he said that Sephardim are not yet mature enough to assume the leadership of the state or of religion. The Lithuanian head of a Bnai Brak yeshiva was speaking in Hebrew to a group of 200 yeshiva heads, some half of whom were Sephardim.

While on the face of it, the comment sounds like blatant bigotry — and was condemned as such in a flurry of angry newspaper editorials — Rabbi Schach and his spokesmen were quick to clarify that the real target of the attack was not the entire Sephardi community, but a single man and the party he represents.

Schach's sharp words were aimed at 33-year-old Moroccan-born Arieh Deri, the number one candidate of the Shas party list, and probably the most powerful ultra-Orthodox figure in the political establishment.

As interior minister, Deri allocates funding to local councils and can determine how much money particular yeshivot and other religious institutions get from the government coffers. (The minister has been under a lengthy police investigation for alleged abuse of funds in this capacity.)

Deri's Shas party (Sephardi Torah Guardians) was the most powerful of the 13 small parties represented in the last Knesset and flexed that muscle in 1990 to topple the Likud government.

Rabbi Schach, who until this election campaign supported Shas, now seems to fear that he is losing his control over the party, which was established in 1984 with his blessing.

Instead, the rabbi now backs a new and unlikely political alliance that unites his arch-rivals, the Chassidic Agudat Israel, with Degel HaTorah, another Sephardi Orthodox party, and Moriah, a one-man contingent represented by Rabbi Yitzhak Peretz, the disgruntled ex-leader of Shas.

The new party, Torah Judaism, will be vying for some of the same electorate as Shas. In issuing his controversial comments, Rabbi Schach was attempting to rally Orthodox Sephardim away from Shas and into the Torah Judaism orbit, and at the same time, re-assert his authority over Shas.

Schach's actions appear to be motivated by a growing sense of financial insecurity, as well as a steely resolve to prevent Labor from forming a government at all costs.

As one of the main beneficiaries of donations from the Reichmann brothers, Rabbi Schach's vast yeshiva network is expected to soon feel the impact of their Canadian supporters' financial collapse. With that loss of funding comes a loss of influence. Under these circumstances, the con-

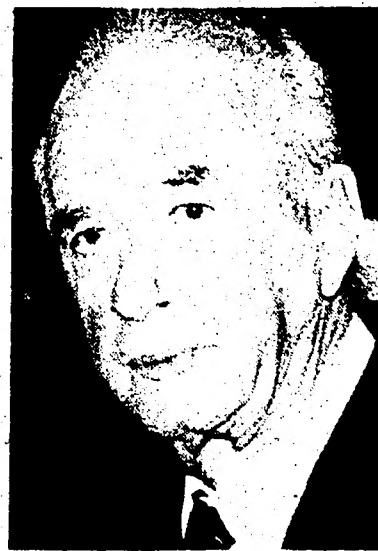
trol Arieh Deri exercises over the government coffers assumes even greater importance, only amplifying the young minister's power in the ultra-Orthodox world.

In addition to the fear of losing financial clout, Rabbi Schach seems equally upset by the spectre of Shas lending its support to a Labor government in the aftermath of the elections. Both Rabbi Ovadia Yoseph, spiritual mentor of Shas, and Deri are known for their dovish views on the peace process.

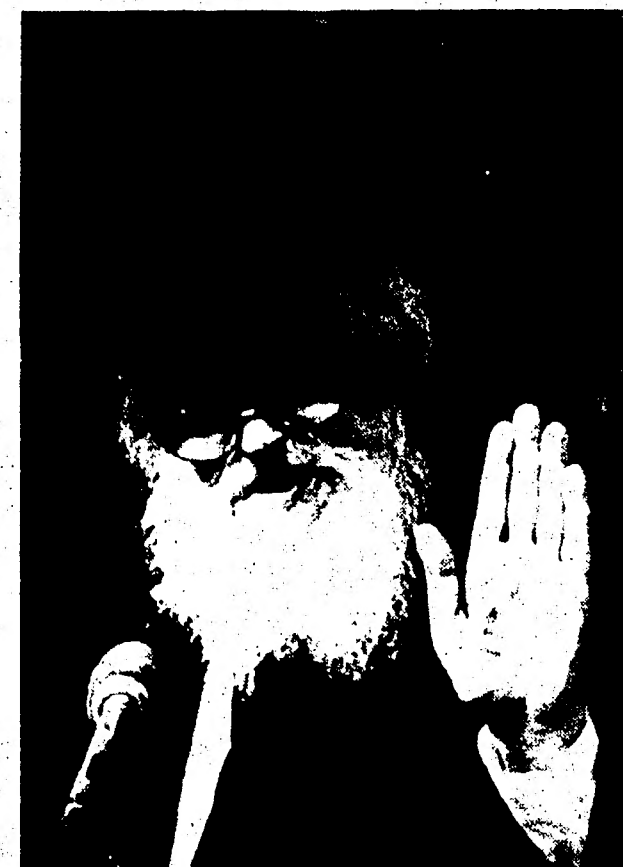
It was, after all, Deri who brought the Likud government down in 1990 over the party's opposition to conditions sought by James Baker.



Yitzhak Shamir



Yitzhak Rabin



Rabbi Eliezer Schach

And it was only due to the last minute intervention of Rabbi Schach, that Shas was prevented from supporting a Labor-led coalition.

Members of Rabbi Schach's entourage now say that the rabbi's recent comments were fuelled by rumors that Deri has already met with Labor leader Yitzhak Rabin to discuss coalition prospects. This would greatly enhance Labor's chances of forming a government and would leave the Torah Judaism party out in the cold.

Rabbi Schach's loathing for the left-leaning Zionist establishment is well-known. In an outburst two years ago, he referred to kibbutz founders as pig-eating non-Jews.

In a press release issued the day after Schach's slur against Sephardim, the rabbi explained: "For 100 years, the left in Europe has been fighting religion. The Ashkenazi rabbis have amassed considerable experience in this struggle against the haters of religion."

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## Canada

# Egypt's Nasser seen as model for Arab leaders

By BILL GLADSTONE

## TORONTO —

The late Egyptian President Abdul Nasser has become "the measuring rod" by which all Arab leaders, past and present, are measured, according to a professor of political science at Concordia University in Montreal.

Henri Habib, who spoke recently on Patterns of Arab Leadership from 1967 to 1982, at a symposium in Toronto, said that it was Nasser who best articulated the long-term ideological goals of the Arab world. These goals, he said, were three-fold: Arab unity, the "liberation" of Palestine, and a victory over the sort of colonial imperialism that, in their view, had installed a non-Arab state — Israel — in the Middle East.



"Nasser personified the goals of the Arab nation from Morocco to Iraq," Habib said, adding that upon the Egyptian leader's death in 1970, Arab leadership went into a decline that continues today with the likes of Saddam, Mubarak and Assad.

"After Nasser's death, Sadat, for a brief period, tried to wear the mantle of Nasser, but he failed. His style was different and he lacked the charisma of Nasser."

Habib called Saddam of Iraq, Mubarak of Egypt and Assad of Syria, "a new breed of leader" who "did not have the founding fathers syndrome that Nasser had." Where Nasser had been utopian and idealistic, the Arab leaders that succeeded him were "pragmatists and not as rigid."

What brought about the change in Arab leadership? According to Habib, a widespread pessimism, disillusionment and scepticism set into the Arab world after the Six Day War of 1967 because of the massive scale of the defeat.

As well, a type of cynicism emerged which saw Arab leaders like Saddam and Assad paying lip service to pan-Arab unity when it pleased them, and abandoning it for expedient reasons. "They would use that theme (pan-Arab unity) to advance their own particular political power," Habib said. "In 1990, Saddam dropped the Palestinian cause just like that when negotiating with the Soviets."

Arab nationalism "has been transformed" since Nasser's death, Habib said. "It has lost its universalistic, integrationist character of the 1960s." He noted the emergence of a potent alternate to pan-Arabism: pan-Islam.

"Twenty-five years from now we may be evaluating patterns in Islamic leadership instead of patterns in Arab

leadership," he commented.

Habib was part of a panel on The June War and the Arabs at the annual national conference of the Canadian Professors for Peace in the Middle East.

The Arab-Israeli Six Day War is "a case study in victimology" in which "each side sees itself as the victim and the other side as the victimizer," according to Montreal human rights lawyer Irwin Cotler.

Speaking at the annual conference of Canadian Professors for Peace in the Middle East, Cotler, a professor of law at McGill, noted that subsequent events in the Middle East seem to vindicate each side's perception of itself.

Referring to the massive airlift of Ethiopian Jews to Israel, Cotler said that Israelis viewed it as a heroic humanitarian effort while Palestinians perceived it as a threat.

It's a "zero-sum game," Cotler said; each side regards itself as "a minority in an asymmetrical configuration" of antagonistic forces.

"Israelis regard the Six Day War as reflective of self-defence under international law. They see it as a dramatic case study of aggression and self-defence."

"But for Arabs, the Six Day War was representative of an Israeli act of aggression. It was seen as an extension of the occupation that began in 1948, reflecting a more fundamental existential and juridical dimension."

"The Arabs see in Israel the creation of a historic injustice."

Since 1967, the fight in the Middle East has moved from an "Arab-Israeli conflict to a Palestinian-Israeli conflict to a human rights issue, not just a political conflict," said Cotler.

"Israel has been increasingly portrayed as the worst violator of human rights in our time. What we've been witnessing since the intifada is the Palestinization of the world's consciousness. The Palestinian human rights issue is being seen as the human rights struggle of our time."

In the decade ending in 1980, about 30 percent of all human rights violations registered at the United Nations condemned Israel, Cotler noted, adding that the disproportionate number of accusations against Israel implied "a reasonable apprehension of bias."

"In the same period, not one resolution was ever registered against Iraq, not even when Iraq was gassing the Kurds. The differential and discriminatory treatment of Israel gave exculpatory immunity to the real human rights violators."

Cotler concluded by listing 13 points that would promote the peace process. These included respecting the legitimate rights of the Palestinian people as well as the repeal of the Arab economic boycott against Israel and the provisions in the PLO covenant calling for Israel's destruction.

# Witman is Mr. Yiddishkeit

By PAUL LUNGEN

## TORONTO —

Civic institutions are usually marked by large tapering columns, soaring domes, intricate fountains and bronze statuary.

But the city of Winnipeg boasts an institution of a different kind — a living, breathing, flesh and blood bundle of energy who at age 88 shows no signs of slowing down.

For much of his life in Winnipeg, Noah Witman has been Mr. Yiddishkeit, appearing on his own weekly Sunday radio show as reliably as wind-chill reports in January.

The plaintive, bittersweet melody that introduces the show was for many newcomers, their children and those who loved the haimishe sound of mameloshen, a signal that the next hour would bring Witman's unique blend of news, commentary, poetry and music.

"The moment I start to talk, they recognize my voice," says Witman in his heavily-accented intonation.

Witman was in Toronto recently to attend the 23rd Plenary Assembly of Canadian Jewish Congress, where a forum on Yiddish was his special interest.

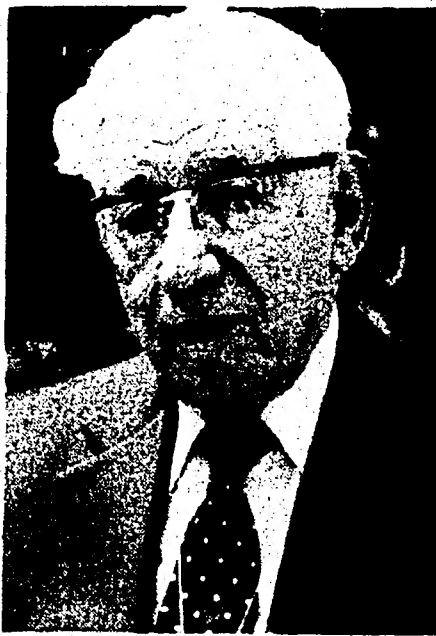
A spry octogenarian who constantly shifts in his chair and taps the reporter on the arm to emphasize a point, Noah "shpilkes" Witman continues to work tirelessly for the preservation of Yiddish as a living language.

In addition to his long-running program on CKJS radio (it used to air on CKSB), Witman and his silver, wavy dome of hair have become a familiar sight to viewers of community-access television. Sharing an hour show with the Winnipeg Jewish Community Council (WJCC), Witman recently marked his 20th anniversary on the small screen.

That's no mean feat in the day of disposable shows but it's still a baby when compared to the 38 years his radio program has aired.

With a radio format that hasn't changed much over the years, Witman gets his three to five commercials out of the way early — in the 1950s and 60s, his ringing announcement that "Shabbos iz Thompson's farmacht" was almost a virtual trademark calling card when D. Thompson Electric was his only sponsor.

Community news and announcements, interviews and literature readings are squeezed around a standard repertoire of eight songs (four in Yiddish, two in Hebrew, and two of chazzanut), obtained hot off the presses from Israel.



Noah Witman

Witman sees his program as providing a service, bringing to many Jews their only community news as well as information about current events.

Aided by a weekly grant of \$50 from Congress' committee for Yiddish, as well as \$4,000 he receives thanks to a biennial tea sponsored by the Yiddish-speaking H. Levick B'nai Brith Lodge, Witman has no plans to end his program.

Two years ago, the government of Manitoba awarded Witman with a statue in recognition of his outstanding promotion of multicultural media.

Born in the small town of Volkovich, near Wolyn, Witman and his family moved near Kiev during World War I. Between 1917 and 1926, Witman was arrested four times because of his involvement with Labor Zionism. On the last occasion, he was given the option of being sent to Siberia or leaving Russia.

With a sister already residing in Winnipeg, he chose Winnipeg over Siberia, and got freedom, if not warmer weather.

Soon after his arrival 66 years ago, he began teaching in the city's Folk Shul (school) but after a year left that job so he could give private lessons in Hebrew, Yiddish and in bar mitzvah instruction.

By 1944, he was executive director of the Histadrut campaign for Western Canada and was given 15 minutes a week to go on a Yiddish radio show to make a pitch for the campaign. From there he graduated to a full weekly show, but he was also busy as editor/owner of the *Yiddish Vort* from 1955-67 and his travel agency business was a landmark in the city's north end.

Last year, Witman took a group of 20 Winnipeggers between the ages of 75-87 to Israel where, in addition to enjoying a Yiddish-speaking tour, they were greeted by President Chaim Herzog.

For the past six years or so, Witman, still a going concern, has written a weekly Yiddish column for Winnipeg's *Jewish Post & News*.

Despite all his efforts at promoting Yiddish and keeping it alive he's concerned about the language's future. "It hurts me to say so, but I'm very pessimistic," he says, pointing out that at a Congress plenary on Jewish identity, Yiddish didn't even come up.

"I don't guarantee how long [the language] will exist," he says. "As long as I'm there and [the committee for Yiddish] is there, we'll keep it up... What do you want from an old man?"

# Youth participate in USY convention

IDELE ROSS

## ST. CATHARINES —

"This land is your land. This land is my land. From the Arab borders, to the Arab borders..." sang the 90 Ontario Region United Synagogue Youth (USY) at the concluding session of the annual regional convention. But the annual gathering is neither parody nor joke.

United Synagogue Youth (USY) is the 42-year-old youth branch of the Conservative Movement in America. It is the largest Jewish youth movement claiming some 18,000 high school-age members across North America, including two new chapters opened this year in Hamilton and Montreal.

Avi Ross has been a USYer for 15 years, first as a high school student in Toronto, and now as the paid profes-

sional regional director. "There's an increase in membership over the last few years. A lot of kids are looking for a place to belong in a very uncertain world."

"Yes, religion is a focus for us but we are also Zionist and involve our members in charity work and fundraising. Twenty-five of our members are going to Israel this summer, that's the most we've ever sent."

The central theme of the convention was the relevance of G-d. Throughout the strictly kosher, Sabbath-observant weekend the participants played simulation games, sang, prayed and heard a lecture on the subject of spirituality today from Rabbi Daniel Elkin, youth director at Congregation Sha'ar Hashamayim in Montreal.

He noted that over half the youngsters in cults today are Jewish. "Our

youth are looking for a spiritual dimension in their lives. It's an emptiness USY fills."

Tamar Kochberg, 16, joined USY to meet people, okay, boys. "For someone like me who goes to public school, USY is important; it's my escape route because I try to date only Jewish boys, and there are a lot of them in USY."

Outgoing regional president Tamar Kronis, one of three sisters in USY, said that USY taught her about being Jewish in a way Hebrew school never could. "You can't walk away from this the way you can from Hebrew school."

"I got thrown out of Hebrew school," smiled 18-year-old Aaron Beallor, "so USY gave me back my Jewish identity because I grew up in a secular community."

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## FESTIVAL OF FESTIVALS

Planning is underway for the 2nd annual State of Israel Bond Festival of Festivals gala premier. Seen here are (from left): Michelle Gold, Matthew Bernstein, Mark Spektor, Miriam Kotzer and Wilfred Shiff, all from the Construction and Development Division. The event is scheduled to take place in September.



## Lipsitz leaves CJC post

TORONTO —

Edmond Yehuda Lipsitz has "ceased to be" executive director of Canadian Jewish Congress's Ontario region, *The C/JN* learned Monday morning. A Congress statement confirmed that.

Terms of Lipsitz's departure

were not immediately known.

Manuel Prutschi, national director of CJC's community relations committee, was named interim director, the statement added.

Lipsitz had been executive director since 1980 and was director of the Ontario region's education and culture committee since 1972.

*The C/JN's* calls to Lipsitz and to newly-elected Ontario region chairman Gerda Frieberg were not returned by press time.

Lipsitz "has the thanks of our officers and community for his past service," Frieberg said in the statement.

## Nachman takes over BBC

KIAMESHA LAKE, N.Y. —

Gabe Nachman, a 44-year-old accounting executive with the firm of Coopers & Lybrand was installed as B'nai Brith Canada's president, while David Lerner, 68, a Toronto real estate broker, was named BBC president-elect at the organization's annual national convention at this Catskills resort earlier this month.

Nachman replaced Marilyn Weinberg, whose two one-year terms expired at the convention.

The new treasurer is Sheldon Lerman, a partner with Price Waterhouse and chairman of BBC's Israel affairs committee.

Former Ontario Tory leader Larry Grossman was elected one of eight BBC national vice-presidents.

The others are Rabbi Sidney Shoham of Montreal; Hamilton banking executive Les Lasky; Lyle Smordin, a Winnipeg lawyer and national chairman of BBC's League for Human Rights; Calgary footwear executive Jack Feingold, who is also president of Calgary Lodge; Toronto lawyer Brian Morris, national

chairman of the Institute for International Affairs; Harry Bloomfield, a Montreal lawyer; and Ottawa businessman Tom Gussman.

Frank Dimant, BBC's executive vice-president, told the gathering that the "golden age" of North American Jewry is beginning to tarnish because of rising anti-Semitism and greater intolerance.

"Who would have believed that a relative of [war-time fascist dictator Benito] Mussolini would be sitting in the Italian parliament?" asked Dimant, who received a standing ovation from delegates.

Other convention highlights featured briefings on the Middle East, the pursuit of Nazi war criminals in Canada and Syrian Jewry.

Dr. David Goldberg, director of research for the Foundation for Middle East Studies, said tensions between Israel and Canada are due to "mutual neglect." Israel, he said, tends to equate Canadian interests in the Mideast with those of the United States, while Canada assumes Israel is more interested in the United

States.

David Matas, BBC's authority on Nazi war criminals, said Canadian efforts at bringing war criminals to justice should be viewed with "dismay."

He alleged that some investigators were sympathetic to those being investigated and slowed the process.

Malcolm Hoenlein, executive director of the powerful Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations, lashed out at the United States for its policies of "illusion and delusion" in the Middle East.

Hoenlein said Washington miscalculated on Iraq and now, on Syria. He warned that Syrian leader Hafez Assad is a "carbon copy, a clone of Saddam Hussein."

Hoenlein is worried about what he sees as a new Arab axis of power — Iran, Syria and Libya, soon to be joined by Iraq — and growing Islamic fundamentalism.

"Did you know that Iran opens 70 mosques a day in the central Asian republics [of the former Soviet Union]?" he asked.

Seymour Reich, chairman of the U.S.-based National Task Force on Syrian Jewry, said Syrian Jews are slowly trickling out of the country.

He said some 60 Jews have been allowed to leave since Damascus announced relaxed travel restrictions in April.

But authorities are splitting families, Reich said.

And despite Syrian promises, the Syrian secret police is handling passport and visa applications, he added.

Toronto lawyer John Syrtash warned of increasing wife assault in the Jewish community.

He blamed the recession for the upsurge in domestic violence. Even more worrisome, he said, is the community's tendency to ignore the problem.

"Many Jewish women feel they have no place to turn because many people don't believe the problem exists," he said.

## Six Day War assuming mythological proportions

BILL GLADSTONE

TORONTO —

A significant faction of Israelis attach a "messianic interpretation" to Israel's victory in the Six Day War and view the history of Israel within the framework of "an ancient mythological past," a visiting professor from Tel Aviv University observed recently in Toronto.

According to Michael Keren, currently a visiting professor of political science at the University of Calgary, many Jews perceived Israel's victory in the Six Day War as an event that went "beyond any specific time and place" — as a sort of miracle that might almost have befallen the Israelites of ancient times.

Keren was part of a panel of speakers at the first of several discussions organized by the Canadian Professors for Peace in the Middle East at its annual national conference at the Regal Constellation Hotel. The theme of the panel was Israel and the Six Day War.

The role of the intellectual has changed in the modern world, he noted. Whereas once writers like Tolstoy defined the symbols of society, he said, now our conceptions of war and peace are being increasingly determined by nuclear physicists, criminologists and sociologists.

"The intellectual is now much more powerful," he said. "As opposed to a Zola standing outside the system and saying 'J'accuse!', the intellectual is now part of the knowledge-power system."

"I don't think the academization of the dialogue is a bad thing. I think it's a great thing because it strengthens the pluralistic nature of society."

Stewart Reiser, a Harvard faculty associate who has written extensively on the Middle East, discussed the implications of the Six Day War for Israel's military-strategic doctrine.

"There has not been a clearly spelled out doctrine concerning the use of force since the end of the Labanese war," he said.

Referring to Israel's nuclear strategy as "opaque," Reiser said that former Israeli Prime Minister Ben-Gurion refrained from publicizing Israel's nuclear capability because "he didn't want to humiliate the Arabs or induce them to build their own nuclear arms."

Israel's passive reaction to Iraq's Scud missile attacks during the Gulf War initially reinforced the leftist view within Israel that peace was necessary at any cost, even if it meant giving back the territories, Reiser said.

However, that view soon changed, he explained, as Israelis recognized that the danger of medium-range missiles, perhaps carrying chemical or biological warheads, was permanent.

The conference, whose overall theme was The Middle East 25 Years after the Six Day War, was one of many community events that coincided with the closing day of the Canadian Jewish Congress plenary.



B'nai Brith Canada's new president Gabe Nachman (left) with president-elect David Lerner.

## World scholars discuss Canada

By LEORA FRUCHT

JERUSALEM —

While many Canadians may be fed up with hearing about their constitution, others will fly half-way around the world to study it in detail. The constitution, along with Canadian literature, theatre, social services and the free trade agreement, were a few of the topics discussed by scholars from all over the world at an International Canadian Studies Conference held recently at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem.

A University of Toronto delegation, led by the university President Rob Prichard and Chancellor Rose Wolfe, met with Hebrew University colleagues for a special joint workshop devoted to The Public sector Under Declining Resources.

Both the workshop and the larger international conference took place during the Annual Meeting of the International Council for Canadian Studies (ICCS) held in Israel for the first time. The council represents 5,000 professors from 16 countries, including Canada, Israel, the United States, several European countries, as

well as China, Japan, India and Russia.

"It is very significant that this multi-national council voted unanimously to hold its annual meeting in Israel this year," said ICCS president-elect Daniel Ben-Natan, a native of Winnipeg, who is Associate Vice President of the Hebrew University.

Ben-Natan noted that while Canadian studies flourishes in many countries, in Israel it has assumed a special nature. "There is a great desire to compare the experiences of Canada and Israel in order to draw lessons from them."

Ben-Natan cited the University of Toronto — Hebrew University workshop, which focused on how Canada and Israel are respectively dealing with the common problem of maintaining education, medical and social services during times of declining resources.

The Israeli and Canadian experience in settling sparsely populated peripheral regions, such as the Yukon and the Negev desert, was the topic of another session at the international conference. Several presen-

tations were devoted to Canada's constitution, a subject of special interest in Israel, which is still struggling to draft its own constitution.

Ben-Natan noted that the conference brought not only academics, but policy-makers who are in a position to apply relevant research findings.

Among the conference participants were: Norman Spector, Canadian Ambassador to Israel; Benno Friesen, parliamentary secretary to Minister Barbara MacDougall; Dr. Bernard Shapiro, Ontario's deputy minister of colleges and universities; Dr. Arthur Kruger, dean of the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education (OISE) and a co-chairman of the conference; Walter Dupres, Sheila Meysmith and Eugene Vayda; McGill University law expert Prof. Irwin Cotler; and keynote speaker Seymour Martin Lipset, chairman of the sociology department at Stanford University.

The events were held under the auspices of the Israel Association for Canadian Studies and the Hebrew University's Centre for Canadian Studies, funded jointly by the Canadian government and by Dr. Ralph Halbert and his wife, Roz, of Toronto.

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## Canada

## Church may study CIS Jews

By PAUL LUNGEN

## TORONTO —

The Maritime Conference of the United Church of Canada has approved a resolution calling for a study on the conditions facing Jews in the Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS).

The resolution, passed unanimously by the conference's 800 delegates, also suggests the study make recommendations on how the United Church can assist CIS Jews and that the church should call on the Canadian government to raise its immigration quotas, allowing more Jews to settle here.

Rev. Jim Leland of the New Maryland United Church, located near Fredericton, said he introduced the petition at the recent 68th annual Maritime Conference in Sackville, N.B. and he was surprised it passed without debate or opposition.

Rev. Leland said the petition will now be considered by the General Council of the United Church at its

August conference in Fredericton, which can order that the study be undertaken.



Rev. Jim Leland

Rev. Leland, who has repeatedly confronted former teacher Malcolm Ross over his anti-Jewish writings, said the genesis of the petition goes

back about one year. That's when he tried to convince the United Church to contribute financially to Operation Exodus, the campaign to raise money to settle CIS Jews in Israel.

When that route proved fruitless, he proposed that a study be undertaken on the situation facing CIS Jews. His hope was that "the study will lead to both financial and moral assistance to CIS Jewry," he said.

Meanwhile, the Maritime Conference undertook an "historic" step when it invited Moncton Jewish community activist David Attis to address two sessions at the meeting, Rev. Leland said.

Attis, a national officer of Canadian Jewish Congress, addressed the meeting on the Jewish perception of racism, Rev. Leland said.

He also spoke about the common ground shared by Christians and Jews and about the importance of Israel to the Jewish people.

Attis' addresses marked the first time a non-Christian participated in the conference.

## Hebrew U leader recalls reunification

By MAURICE LUCOW

## VANCOUVER —

Avi Primor, recently appointed vice-president of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, remembers the reunification of Jerusalem 25 years ago very well.

Interviewed here on Jerusalem Day prior to speaking at a community celebration arranged by the local chapter of the Canadian Friends of the Hebrew University, Primor recalled that he was the Israeli host and guide for a group of French parliamentarians during the six days of the 1967 war, when the old city of Jerusalem was captured. He was appointed to the ministry of foreign affairs and just before the Six Day War started, he was assigned to handle a French parliamentary mission which was coming to Israel to study the effectiveness of French military equipment, which Israel was using at the time.

The French mission left Paris early in the morning of June 3 but the war broke out 9 a.m. that day, and the mission was already in the air, heading for Israel.

Primor met the delegation and after giving the six members a hurried visit to Israeli leaders, who were preoccupied with the war, the French decided they wanted to visit the various fronts to see the war in action.

With no protection other than a safe conduct pass and an agreement from the French that Israel was not to be blamed if anything happened to them, the French, under Primor's guidance, toured the fronts. They were right behind the paratroopers who took the Old City, they marched into the Gaza with the Israeli troops and they were just behind the tanks which captured the Golan Heights.

"We saw more of the war than any soldier," said Primor. "It was a strange way to see it — a crazy venture. But that's what the French delegation wanted — and I was all in favor of it."

By June 10, a ceasefire had been signed and the prime minister, David Ben-Gurion, was able to finally get together with the French and discuss the Mideast situation.

Primor said the reunification of the city was an experience "one doesn't ever forget... You're part of living history."

At a community rally held in the 700-seat Queen Elizabeth Playhouse Theatre, which was filled to capacity, Primor said the Hebrew University is carrying a big burden in helping integrate Soviet Jews into Israeli life. "We take them in, update their professional training and prepare them for life in Israel as Jews," he said. The university recently absorbed 136 scientists for faculty and 2,000 students from the age of 18 up.



Avi Primor

About 40 percent of the immigrants are unemployed and he hopes that private investment and eventually, the United States loan guarantee will help develop the industrial base to absorb them.

Discussing the "bond" which exists between the Jews and Jerusalem, he said "there are many who still refuse to accept it as our capital." The city is important to Christians and Muslims "but Jerusalem has never had the same meaning to any other religion or nation. It was never the capital of any other nation." Mecca is the centre for Islam and Rome is the centre for Christianity, he declared.

"But we hope to find a way that all who want to live and worship in Jerusalem will do so — as long as they don't aspire to destroy us."

## Shmatta salesman served during the Six Day War

By FRANCES KRAFT

## TORONTO —

Twenty-five years ago Barry Lebow was a 19-year-old travelling salesman in the shmatta business, full of chutzpah, a high school dropout who'd been banned from the public school system. Today, sitting in his comfortably furnished real estate appraisal office, he told *The CJN* that he was one of about a half dozen Torontonians who volunteered in Israel during the Six-Day War, and ended up as a volunteer in the 14th division tank corps of the Israeli army, stationed in the foothills of Jerusalem.

"I didn't know I would go to the army," said Lebow. "I thought some other [Israeli] guy would go to the army, and I'd go and do his job."

As Lebow recalls, he wasn't the most likely candidate to volunteer, but when he heard that war had broken out, "something snapped." By 10 a.m. that day, he had joined a lineup of prospective volunteers outside the Zionist Center on Marlee Avenue.

"I'm not from a Zionist background. I didn't even like Israelis that much," Lebow says. "My family came here in 1910. My parents were both born in Toronto."

It was Lebow's determination not to be an "apologist" that motivated

him to take action. Despite his attitude towards formal education, he was an avid student of Jewish history, moved by the immense tragedy of the Holocaust and the idea that it could happen again. He did not want to be like the Jews who had "sat back" as their co-religionists in Europe were killed.

Lebow's army duties included clean-up missions in the territories. "We couldn't loot. Soldiers went to jail for taking something out of an empty house," he recalls. They did look for medical supplies in old army camps.

Lebow's duties also involved cleaning "everything from guns to toilets to car parts, but most of the time I was on guard duty." It was during one of his guard duty stints that he met his Israeli-born wife, Eithy, who was his corporal. They were married in a military ceremony in March 1968.

The spirit in Israel in the aftermath of the war was "euphoric," recalls Lebow. Attitudes to volunteers were equally enthusiastic.

Lebow's year in Israel had a profound influence on him. "I get very upset when I see the number of Jews who have never been to Israel." At one time Lebow was very active with Israel Bonds, United Jewish Appeal and B'nai Brith. He is especially satisfied with the thought of how many people, both Jews and non-Jews, he has persuaded to visit Israel.

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# Father of oral polio vaccine takes aim at solar research

By FRANCES KRAFT

TORONTO —

Dr. Albert Sabin is a man with a purpose: solar energy research.

So convinced is the legendary 85-year-old physician (best known for his development of the oral polio vaccine) of the importance of solar energy research that he refused to discuss other issues during a recent interview in Toronto.

So convinced that, despite a recent hospitalization and bouts of precarious health over the last dozen years, he travelled to Toronto recently from his home in Washington to speak about the subject for 65 minutes, on his feet and without visibly tiring, to a group of supporters of the Weizmann Institute of Science's solar energy facility.

So convinced that last year he made a personal donation of \$500,000 to Weizmann for solar energy research, and is now urging others to follow his example, enabling Weizmann to continue its solar energy research.

The snowy-haired former president of Weizmann declined to begin his speech at the tea until everybody found a seat, "whether on the floor or not." Close to 100 people, carefully dressed and coiffed for the tea held at a private home in Sabin's honor, sat down, some on chairs but most on the needlepoint rug in the elegantly furnished living room.

Sabin cogently outlined the urgent reasons for finding "an industrially feasible substitute" for oil, coal, and natural gas, among them the world's finite supply of fossil fuels, perhaps only another 50 years' worth, he said.

Solar energy is an inexhaustible source of clean energy, without the drawbacks of nuclear energy, Sabin reminded his audience. "We have

more solar energy above ground than oil underground," he said.

To be practical, said Sabin, solar energy has to be converted into a form that can be stored, transported over large distances and recovered where it is piped.



Dr. Albert Sabin

Sabin spoke of the importance of having a viable pilot facility for solar energy "not on the campus, but in the desert."

Among the important things that have been achieved at Weizmann so far, said Sabin, was the demonstration that "the dream of converting solar energy into chemical energy is possible, and [that] the resulting syn-gas (synthetic gas) can be stored and piped by already existing technologies."

"But what does it mean to achieve something on a small scale?" Sabin asked rhetorically. "You have to show whether this can be scaled up to see whether it has any practical ap-

plication. That is where the Canadian facility comes in." (The institute's solar energy research facility, dedicated in 1988, was almost completely funded by the Canadian Society for the Weizmann Institute.)

When Sabin visited the institute in December, 1990 after an absence of 10 years, he was told that the establishment of an industrial-sized pilot project in the desert was perhaps 10 years in the future, but with money to hire more engineers and scientists, the time could be cut in half.

"That got me fired up," Sabin said. "This was probably the most important thing Weizmann could do, not only to help the world, but to help Israel."

"I said to myself, 'I don't care what else I do, I've got to spend my time on this'."

"Merely to have a nice big tower to supply energy is not enough," Sabin insists. "Having built that facility was a sine qua non. No progress could have been made without it, but it wasn't enough."

Private donors have come forward, said Sabin, but more money is needed. "We don't have all the years you had in gathering money and building this initial effort. It has to be done very quickly."

Despite the serious environmental problems facing the world, Sabin remains an optimist, he told *The C/N* in an interview after his speech. "If one views the course of civilization, one must concede that progress, however slow, has continued over the centuries." He envisions "a future that may be better by far than we have ever known before if we continue to use our brains. I believe if we don't blow ourselves up with careless use of atomic energy, then there is hope for the future."

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# Racism cited in resignation

By RON CSILLAG

TORONTO —

The highest-ranking Jew in the Reform Party of Canada has quit, citing widespread racism and anti-Semitism in the rank and file and among party higher-ups.

Michael Lublin, a 31-year-old Orthodox Jew and follower of the Lubavitcher rebbe, stepped down last Friday as director of the party's Ontario community relations arm, saying he could no longer reconcile Reform's policies with his conscience.

Ironically, it was Lublin's job to recruit ethnic Canadians to Reform, which he joined a year ago. Now, he says a government led by party leader Preston Manning would be "a recipe for disaster for Canada" because of what he calls Reform's "undefined" policies on multiculturalism, official bilingualism and immigration.

His quitting "should send a clear signal to the Jewish community and beyond that Reform is definitely not the road for Canada," Lublin told *The C/N* last Sunday.

Lublin says he quit because of "routine" anti-Semitic and racist remarks he'd heard over the year from party members and organizers and over how complaints were handled.

He says that at a party gathering last year, witnesses told him a key organizer from Waterloo gave the fascist salute as a joke.

A turning point for Lublin came last August, when he says he discovered that several members of the far-right, white supremacist Heritage Front were Reform members.

Lublin says he brought the matter to the attention of party leaders but that it was not until the media broke the story last March that four members of the Heritage Front — Wolfgang Droege, James Dawson, Nicola Polinuk and Peter Mitrevski — and the party member who recruited them, Al Overfield, were expelled from Reform.

Lublin says he feels "personally

betrayed" by Manning.

Charges of racism have dogged Reform for years. Lublin feels the party is suffering from "serious fractures in its infrastructure."

"Unless you're white and Christian, you're not really going to get anywhere in Reform," he adds.

Last Friday in Ottawa, Manning said Lublin's claims will be investigated.

# Former Refusenik receives UIA position

By MAURICE LUCOW

VANCOUVER —

A former Refusenik has been named as the United Israel Appeal emissary to Vancouver.

Orit Katsov, who with her husband Alex emigrated to Israel in 1973, was once a member of the Communist youth movement in the Soviet Union but, she told the Jewish Western Bulletin recently, her Jewish upbringing made her realize her true identity. "I had to live a dual personality — a patriot in the country I was born, and being a proud Jew, knowing that there is a Jewish country, Israel."

When it became known in 1972 that exit permits were available to go to Israel, she and her husband applied to leave and both became Refuseniks at once and were fired from their jobs. Orit had been employed by the

Soviet communications ministry.

It was a tough fight getting out, she said. "We demonstrated, went on hunger strikes and knocked over the doors of the authorities."

When United States President Richard Nixon came to the Soviet Union in 1973, he helped negotiate the exit of a number of Jews — including the Katsovs.

She has served as the South African Zionist Federation's Israeli emissary for students and was director of the Jerusalem office of the Israeli Public Council for Soviet Jewry.

In Vancouver, she will be involved in fundraising and expects to have a number of speaking engagements. She is here for a two-year period.

Orit's husband, an engineer with IBM in Israel, and their two children, will join her in Vancouver next month.

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# Yoram Aridor

Yoram Aridor, a longtime member of the Knesset, began his career in government as deputy minister in the Prime Minister's Office and as minister of communications. He moved up to the position of finance minister, a post he held from 1981 to 1983.

As a member of the Knesset he was chairman of the committee for the interior and environment, chairman of the sub-committee on basic laws and was also a member of the committee on constitution, law and justice.

Born in Tel Aviv, Aridor was educated at the Hebrew University, receiving a BA degree in economics and political science and a Master of Jurisprudence degree. Although he's a professional economist, he prefers to be known as a lawyer.

The CJN's West Coast reporter, Maurice Lucow, interviewed Aridor in Vancouver where he was promoting the sale of Israel Bonds.

**CJN:** How long have you been serving at the United Nations?

**Aridor:** One year and a half.

**CJN:** Have you been involved with the peace negotiations?

**Aridor:** No, I am not involved in that.

**CJN:** Don't you attend the meetings when they're in progress in the United States?

**Aridor:** No, I'm not involved in the peace negotiations in any way. I am the ambassador to the UN and our UN mission is not taking part in the peace talks.

**CJN:** But do you drop into meetings to see what's going on?

**Aridor:** No. I get information on the meetings but that's as far as my involvement goes.

**CJN:** Out here on the West Coast we haven't read very much in our daily newspapers about the negotiations. Can you bring me up to date?

**Aridor:** There has been no substantial progress up to now except for the fact that we are talking with our Arab neighbors. This is a step forward but there are huge differences between us and the Arabs. I hope that some day in the future we'll have peace. I'm sure we will. But I cannot predict when.

**CJN:** According to what I read — the most recent negotiations in Washington went quite well.

**Aridor:** Yes, we exchanged views — but it doesn't mean we made progress on substantial issues.

**CJN:** A newspaper report said there were positive results in Washington because Israel made an offer on municipal elections, and Netanyahu says this could be the biggest experiment in democracy in the Arab world. What are some of the plans about the elections?

**Aridor:** The Arabs haven't accepted our suggestion yet for municipal elections and they won't until an interim arrangement is instituted. So I can't call that progress as far as the Arabs are concerned. They have not yet accepted our idea.

**CJN:** You mention the interim arrangement — what does that cover?

**Aridor:** Interim arrangement covers the idea that Palestinian Arabs will have control of their domestic affairs like education, health, police force and so on, but of course they will not have control of foreign affairs or immigration or things that come under the general power of an independent state. The interim arrangement is not an arrangement to establish a Palestinian state.

Our plan is to provide autonomy for five years and during that time there will be negotiations about a final arrangement. But the interim arrangement by itself cannot be interpreted in such a way that it is just short of a Palestinian state.

**CJN:** If the Arabs accept the plan, how would they pay for the services — through taxes, or would Israel guarantee them?

**Aridor:** Well, even now they pay for their own civil service through taxes and Israel doesn't subsidize them nor do we benefit from the taxes they pay for the civil administration. They get the services and they pay for them. This situation will be continued but they will have control of the taxation system. They will control the income and they will control the expenditures.

**CJN:** By the civil administration you mean the police and services of that nature?

**Aridor:** Yes, of course. Civil administration means the administration that provides the civil services. Let me explain. Israel pays for expenses related to the military establishment. The Arabs don't pay for that. They pay for their own services, like a citizen of Vancouver pays for services.

**CJN:** Do they have enough money to pay for the services?

terest in it until Madrid. But their interpretation is much farther away from the idea embodied in Camp David.

**CJN:** They're talking about a separate state, aren't they?

**Aridor:** They are talking of something that is very close to a separate state because they insist that when the interim arrangement is established, it will include taking over all the powers of the military commanders, which means that they will be independent. That's not the idea of the Camp David Accord.

**CJN:** Do you feel the Palestinians are a little more flexible? Or are they still rigid in their attempts to gain independence?

**Aridor:** I cannot define them as flexible when they don't accept the principles of Camp David, which were accepted by Egypt and by the Unit-

I'm not sure if there's a deal. We'll have to wait and see.

**CJN:** If the Syrian Jews are free to emigrate, will they come to Israel?

**Aridor:** I think that every Jew who wants to emigrate to Israel should have the right to do so. It's a natural right.

**CJN:** As ambassador to the UN, what's your daily procedure?

**Aridor:** The main business is done between September and December when the United Nations General Assembly convenes on a daily basis. At other times, when the Security Council is convened to deal with Arab complaints about Israel or there are other issues with which Israel is involved, we are on the alert and sit in on the meetings.

But because we're not a member of the Security Council all we can do is sit and listen. But on issues directly related to Israel, we ask for the right to participate and it's the custom that the Council will let countries asking for permission to be allowed to take part.

**CJN:** As an economist, how long do you think it will take for Israel to be economically viable on its own?

**Aridor:** I can't predict the future. But for now, I can say that the new immigrants pouring into Israel have apartments waiting for them. Yes, there's unemployment and one of the purposes of the Israel Bonds campaign is to provide the money to develop jobs for them and to help private enterprise to invest.

**CJN:** What about the \$10 billion loan guarantee Israel tried to get from the United States. Is there still any hope for it?

**Aridor:** Yes... hope there is, so Israel has not withdrawn the request. We hope that some day in the future this arrangement will be agreed on with the United States government. Meanwhile, we can borrow at a higher rate and also, to help the situation, we're campaigning so hard for the sale of Israel Bonds.

We need the Bond money even if we get the loan guarantee, but of course the fact that we do not have the guarantee right now makes the task of Israeli Bonds that much more important. The worldwide goal is \$1.5 billion.

**CJN:** As a lawyer, do you feel that complaints from civil liberty groups about what's going on in Judea, Samaria and Gaza are justified from a human rights point of view? Have the Palestinians suffered an abuse of human rights?

**Aridor:** Not at all. It is our legal obligation to keep order in the territories. It's our legal obligation under international law. We observe this obligation against terrorists and if sometimes our soldiers break the law in doing this, they are punished by our courts.

The general situation is that we fully comply with the human rights standards that are applicable to the democracies. Anyone can go direct to the Israeli Supreme Court to complain about Israeli officials who have broken the basic principles of human rights. I think this is unparalleled in any sort of military situation.

Any Israeli citizen, Jew or Arab and even if he's not a citizen, may apply to the Supreme Court direct if he thinks his rights are breached. The courts act quickly and to halt any possible illegal actions, the judges issue an injunction until the case is heard. It may take as little as a few weeks to settle a complaint. The Supreme Court works fast.

**CJN:** Is there any message you want to give to the Jews of Canada?

**Aridor:** What I can say is that I have learned two things from the Canadians. From the French-speaking Canadians I learned not to forget one's mother country and culture; from the English-speaking Canadians I learned another thing — not to agree on the partition of your homeland. I'm not trying to give advice to Canada. I'm just saying what I've learned. Please be sure to include that in your article.



**Aridor:** Yes, but it depends on the amount of taxes collected. In the interim arrangement, it will be their own decision.

**CJN:** Will Israel supervise the civil budget?

**Aridor:** We supervise the civil budget now, but if there is an interim agreement, the Arabs will take care of it.

**CJN:** It's been suggested the autonomy proposal by Israel is an election move. Is it a valid move towards bringing peace?

**Aridor:** Of course. It's not a new idea. The principle of the interim arrangements is included in the Camp David Accord. So I don't understand how anybody can say it's an election thing.

The Arabs haven't accepted this principle for 14 years. And they didn't seem to have much in-

terest in it until Madrid. But their interpretation is much farther away from the idea embodied in Camp David.

**CJN:** Is the intifada still on or is it fading out?

**Aridor:** It fluctuates, but generally speaking it's still on. But on top of that the Palestinians are killing each other by the hundreds. About 650 of them have been killed because they were regarded as collaborators who wanted to co-operate with us. Sometimes they kill each other for their own reasons.

**CJN:** What's developing in Syria? They've released two brothers who were in jail for a long time and now we hear that Syria is relaxing restrictions on its Jews.

**Aridor:** I can't confirm that because I still don't see the Jews in Syria moving about freely. Syrian officials are making all sorts of statements but



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## World

## Syrian Jews trickle out of country

By RON CSILLAG

## TORONTO —

Roughly 170 Jews from Syria have arrived in New York since Damascus announced the relaxing of travel restrictions for them two months ago, says Judy Feld Carr, head of the National Task Force for Syrian Jews.

But, stresses Carr, who is monitoring every flight, "I don't count that as a lot of people. Everyone who wants to leave should be able to."

So far, that does not appear to be the case. Carr says the Jews who arrived most recently received travel permits prior to June 4. There have been no permits issued since that date, Carr says.

"The processing of new permits was expected to start again June 4 but it didn't, and we don't know why," she points out.

Even though Jews can now travel more freely, emigration is still forbidden, Carr notes.

And Carr fears a new development. It appears that Syrian authorities, including the feared Mukhabarat, the secret police, are splitting families, just as the Soviets did

throughout the 1970s and '80s.

The loosening of travel restrictions, seen by many as goodwill gesture by Damascus to Washington, is not creating the sort of euphoria for which Jewish officials had hoped.

For one, says Carr, the Jews now arriving in New York (the only destination permitted by Syrian authorities) are mainly poor and some are ill.

Technically, they must travel on visitor visas. Thus, they are ineligible for refugee status and the support network that status brings.

Lacking English, jobs and money, recent arrivals must rely on the generosity of the Syrian Jewish emigre community in the Flatbush and Ocean Park sections of Brooklyn, estimated to number 35,000, and on the local Bikur Cholim, Carr says.

The Sephardi Bikur Cholim distributes food stamps, tries to find apartments and get medical aid for recent emigres, but its resources are stretched to the limit, she adds.

"These are people with great pride," Carr explains. "They have a certain reluctance to take charity."

The flip side is that more affluent families in Syria cannot leave with their possessions.

Those who depart as tourists can only take the equivalent of \$2,000 (U.S.) and two suitcases.

As well, Carr says Syrian authorities are less likely to grant permits to educated Jews than to those lacking professions or needed skills.

Syrian Jewish professionals also know that if they go to the United States, they must re-enter universities for retraining, at prohibitive costs, Carr says.

Even though Jews have been arriving in New York at a steady, if modest pace, one Syrian Jewish activist in Brooklyn told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency he is worried that recent Israeli bombing raids in Lebanon will "give [Syrian leader Hafez] Assad an excuse to stop the Jews from leaving. I think he would like to find any excuse he can to slow it down. The Jews he has in Syria are his trump cards, so he wants to play them as slowly as possible."

Late last week, the European Parliament in Strasbourg, France, postponed a \$200 million financial aid package to Syria, but Carr refused to link the postponement to past European Community demands that Damascus shore up its human rights record.

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פון יהודה עלבזרג

ביים 35טן יארלעך קאנצערט פון די מאנטרעאלער פאלק שול און פון שולן אין דער באקאנטער יידישער שרייבער יהודה עלבזרג באערט געווארן מיט א ספעציעלער אויסצייכענונג פאר זיינע צאלרייכע שאפונגען אין יידיש. מיר דרוקן דא אויסצוגן פון זיין דאנקערדע ביי דער עלעגאנטייט.

איך בין קודם כל א יידישער שרייבער און די יידישע פאלק שול און פון שולן זיינען די דער ציאונג אינסטיטוציעס. וואס לערנען דאס לשון מיט אונדזערע קינדער. יידיש איז איצט אריין אין די הויכע פענצטער פון אקאדעמישע אינסטיטוציעס. מען לערנט איצט יידיש אויף א סך אוניווערסיטעטן. אבער עס איז מער נישט קיין מאמעלשן. מאמעס רעדן יידיש מיט זייערע קינדער נאר אין מאה שערים און ביי די חסידים אין בני ברק. אין ברוקלין און אויף פערימאנט אין מאנטרעאל.

א בליק צוריק אין יידישע געשיכטע וועט הייזן. אז דאס זעלבדיקע איז געשען מיט לשון קודש. ביז ארום הונדערט יאר פאר דעם חורבן פון ערשטן בית המקדש איז אראמעאיש געהאלטן געווארן פאר א פרעמדער שפראך. ארום 300 יאר פאר דער אונגענומענער צייט-רעכענונג האט אראמעאיש גענומען ווערן פאפולער ביים פאלק און העברעאיש. דאס לשון פון כמעט דעם גאנצן תנ"ך איז מיט דער צייט געווארן אויס מאמע לשון. במשך מער ווי צוויי טויזנט יאר האט לשון קודש געפונען אן אנהאלט נאר ביי די אינטעלעקטואלן. פונדעסטוועגן האט דאס אלטע לשון דערלעבט צוריק צו ווערן א מאמע-לשון אין דער באנייטער יידישער מדינה.

יידיש איז א ייך לשון. א לעבעדיקע שפראך. אין אלעם וואס לעבט הויכט די פארעלטערונג זיך אן ווען עס הערט אויף צו וואקסן. אויב אזוי, איז יידיש געבליבן יונג. דאס לשון וואקסט מיט נייע ווערטער און די ליטעראטור וואקסט מיט נייע ווערק. כל זמן עס וועלן דערשיינען נייע ביכער אין יידיש און יידישע שרייבערס וועלן אויסגעצייכנט ווערן פאר זייערע שאפונגען. וועט עס זיין א סימן, אז יידיש איז יונג, אז דער קרייז איז א פארבייגייענדיקער, אז מען קען האפן אויף בעסערע צייטן.

אין פארמלמהדיקן פילן האט דער רוב פון דער יידישער יוגנט געקענט יידיש, אבער עס זיינען געווען סנאכן, מען האט זיי אפלאכערשט גערופן שטענדיקעס. וואס האבן געמאכט דעם אנשטעל, אז זיי פארשטייען נישט קיין יידיש, כאטש זייערע מאמעס האבן נישט געקענט קיין אנדער לשון. לאמיר האפן, אז היינט ווען יידיש ווערט דאס לשון פון דעם יידישן אינטעלעקטואל, וועט זיך שאפן א פאר קערטער סנאכיס צו באווייזן זיך מיט העכערקייט דורך דער יידיש. יידן וועלן זיך אנהייבן שעמען נישט צו קענען אונדזער קולטור-שפראך, מען וועט קאקעטירן מיט אריינמישן א פאר יידישע ווערטער. "שור ספיך" איז יידיש, בארימט זיך היינט א יידיש יינגל אין מאנטרעאל און אין ניו-יארק, מיט דער צייט וועט יידיש צוריקקומען פון די הויכע פענצטער צו דער קינדער-שטוב. דאס יידישע ווארט וועט קומען מיט ווארעמען אטעם. עס וועט באגלייט ווערן מיט א ציטער פון הארץ. עס וועט ווידער ארויסווייזן, ארויסזינגען און ארויסשמיכלען פון די מילער פון יידישע קינדערלעך.

דער גרויסער אנטראפאלאג אנטאני פ. וואלאס האט געשאפן די טעאריע פון רעוויטאליזאציע. וואלאס האלט, אז אן אייגנארטיקע קולטור האט לעבן און אן אויפהאלט-אינסטיטוט, פונקט ווי יעדער לעבעדיק באשעפערט ווען א באשעפערט איז אין א סכנה, מאביליזירט דער אויפהאלט-אינסטיטוט רעזערוון פון זאפטן און כוחות, וואס מען האט אפילו נישט געוואוסט אז זיי עקזיסטירן, זיך אקעגנזשטעלן און באקעמפן די ליערנדיקע סכנה און זי איבערקומען. גענוי דאס זעלביקע קען געשען ביי א קולטור, וואס שטייט פנים אל פנים מיט א סכנה פון אונטערגאנג. דער אויפהאלט-אינסטיטוט מאכט לייזט באהאלטענע כוחות, וועקט אויף נייע התלהבות און דערפירט צו דער רעוויטאליזאציע פון דער קולטור.

דאס יידישע לשון איז פון א רעד-שפראך אויסגע-וואקסן צו א וויטאלער, לעבעדיקער, שפרודליקער קולטור און האט במשך יארהונדערטער געזאמלט זאפטן און כוחות צו קענען און קאנען זיך שטארקן איבער אינערלעכע און אויסערלעכע סכנות און דערפירן צו א רעוויטאליזאציע און ווידעראויפבלי. עס איז נאך א פראגע פון צייט, איך האף, אז דאס וועט געשען כמרהר בימינו, איך האף, אז יידישע שרייבערס, וואס זיינען עקסנוואדיק ממשך זייער שרייבן און זיינען איצט ווערעם בדמעה, זיי זיינען מיט טרערן און מיט ספקות, וועלן ווידער שניידן מיט געזאגט.

## Name Game

There is a story in almost every Jewish surname and Toronto lawyer FRED M. CATZMAN has been researching their origins over the past few years. Mr. Catzman reports on his research in The CJN.

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## PELIGAL

Joe Peligal, of Montreal, has been searching for information concerning his family name. His kinsmen suggest that it is derived from a place name in Lithuania. I can find no such place in a detailed map of Lithuania. There was an active Jewish community in Palanga variously called Palonga, Polaga, Polangen, Polengen and Polonga. It may well be that Peligal is another variation. It is on the Baltic Sea.

Another remote possibility is Polligonowo, which although listed in the Yizkor book for Swencionys does not appear in contemporary gazetteers.

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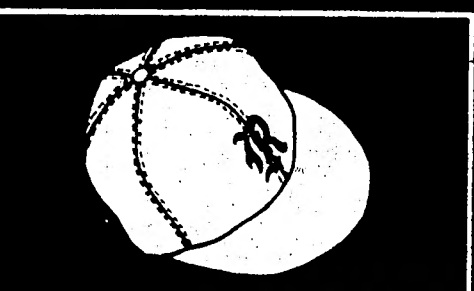
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# Political scientists predict another unity government

By PAUL LUNGEN

## TORONTO —

Two analysts of the Israeli political scene gazed into their crystal balls last week and predicted that the upcoming Israeli parliamentary elections will result in the eventual creation of a government of national unity in which the Labor and Likud parties will share power.

Agreeing that the Israeli election campaign has turned negative, with personal attacks the order of the day, political science professors Gabriel Ben-Dor and Bernard Reich said Israel watchers can expect to see an interesting summer as the leading vote-getter tries to cobble together a government.

Reich, a professor of political science and international affairs at George Washington University in Washington, D.C., predicted that the election results will be indecisive with neither main party capturing a clear majority. Labor leader Yitzhak Rabin will be given the first opportunity to form a government, he suggested.

If he fails, Likud leader Yitzhak Shamir will be next, but both Reich and Ben-Dor predicted that a unity government will likely result after a summer of political deal-making.

Ben-Dor, a visiting professor at Toronto's York University, said the campaign has not been particularly interesting. Israelis do not consider it a referendum on peace talks or on the future of Judea, Samaria or Gaza.

Domestic issues have predominated and the Israeli electorate, like voters in other Western democracies, "vote on pocket book issues," he said.

Ben-Dor predicted that the 1992 campaign will likely be the last one contested by leaders who cut their teeth in Israel's military/intelligence apparatus. Voters the next time around could be faced with candidates from the business or management spheres, he suggested.

For the first time in Israeli electoral history, personality has emerged as



Gabriel Ben-Dor

the key element, Ben-Dor said. Rabin is considered "a loner" who articulates consensus values and who is more popular than his party.

Prime Minister Shamir, on the other hand, is much less popular than his party and the Likud campaign, unlike Labor's, is focusing on the party, not the leader.

While the polls placed Labor ahead of Likud in the weeks leading up to the vote, Ben-Dor said he expects Likud to get stronger as election day draws near. People who told pollsters they would vote against the government may fear their protest vote will actually bring down the government, and they will cast their ballot for the ruling party, he suggested.

Ben-Dor predicted that Soviet olim's disenchantment with the housing and unemployment situation could translate into a "big plus for Labor," while young voters might cast their ballots for the smaller parties of left and right.

Reich, who is a consultant to the U.S. State Department, said the democratic-socialist Labor party is downplaying its socialist component and stressing its democratic nature in

a bid to attract Soviet Jews.

As many as 10 seats could ride on the votes of Soviet olim, he said.

The religious parties are "always a factor in the Israeli government," and a variety of parties could gain between 10 and 18 seats, he added. Even if Labor and Likud form a unity government, fear of alienating the religious parties could lead to their inclusion in a government, he said.

Overall, the election will not be decisive in pointing Israel in any particular political or ideological direction, Reich said.

He predicted that it will be the last election contested by the old guard of leaders and that both major parties will see new generations of leaders come to the fore — people who are less ideological, more technocratic and more interested in bread and butter issues than security ones.

Reich said that while the U.S. administration favors a Rabin-led government (it views him as more "malleable" when it comes to peace talks), Israel can expect to see a George Bush/Jim Baker-led White House push the peace process "with a vengeance."

Secretary of State Baker sees a peace treaty as his ticket to the 1996 U.S. presidency. "Don't underestimate that ambition," Reich warned.

Israel might face another jolt as a result of a major changeover in the composition of the U.S. Congress, Reich said. Expect to see many strong supporters of Israel leaving the scene as Congress experiences a 20 percent changeover in personnel, he said.

Ben-Dor and Reich were introduced by Donald Carr, vice-chairman of the Canada-Israel Committee (CIC), the Jewish community's pro-Israel advocacy organization. Carr pointed out that in addition to the CIC, the community seminar, attended by about 250 people at the Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue, was co-sponsored by: B'nai Brith Canada, Canadian Jewish Congress, Canadian Zionist Federation, Foundation for Middle East Studies and the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto.

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## Natives object to phone line

### TORONTO —

Native leader Rodney Bobiwash has asked the Canadian Human Rights Commission (CHRC) to seek a temporary court injunction to stop telephone messages by the white supremacist Heritage Front, pending a commission hearing into the case.

And on another front, Bobiwash, anti-racism co-ordinator of the Native Canadian Centre, has asked police to investigate "threatening messages" on the phone line.

A recent Heritage Front telephone message, recorded by Canadian Jewish Congress, claims that the agenda of Heritage Front detractors is "the annihilation of the white race. We will basing our case on that premise. It's no hogwash Bobby, we are looking at the hate laws as they may be applied to you. Anyone can get scalped, so get ready."

Wolfgang Droegge of the Heritage Front told the *Toronto Sun* that there was no violent intent in the message, but that it was "a sarcastic remark."

Meanwhile, CHRC spokesman Sally Southey said the commission is considering all legal avenues in the case, but a decision on a temporary injunction pending a hearing expected in October had not been reached when *The CJN* went to press.

She noted that the commission suc-

cessfully obtained an injunction in a case involving the Vancouver-based Canadian Liberty Net. A CHRC hearing into telephone messages operated by that organization is currently under way in British Columbia.

## Complaint targets Heritage Front

Bobiwash and the Native Canadian Centre allege that the Heritage Front and Droegge operate a telephone line that communicated discriminatory messages against aboriginal people and non-whites.

David Satok, chairman of community relations for Canadian Jewish Congress, said "we very much wel-

come this inquiry. The law has proved to be constitutional (in a case involving white supremacist John Ross Taylor) and it's important that such laws not be used as decorative pieces but be applied as in this case."

Congress spokesman Bernie Farber said he has been following the Heritage Front hotline for about two years. Its origin seems to have coincided with economic tough times. It is no coincidence that extremists "jump on that to expound racist theories that use Blacks, Natives and minorities as scapegoats for society's ills," he said.

Jews have not come up for attack on the hotline, Farber said, adding he has no doubt that "Jews are always on the back of their minds."

Farber said Congress is providing Bobiwash with transcripts of several telephone messages that were recorded and is working "arm-in-arm" with the Native Canadian Centre on the case.

A Heritage Front message recorded by Congress late last week states that "on the local scene, complete hogwash Bobby, the Heritage Front feels embarrassment for your proud people. You are a brave warrior — not."

An earlier message refers to Bobiwash as a "coward," a "dishonorable man," and "this cigar store idiot."

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## World

## Voters apathetic over campaign

By LEORA FRUCHT

## JERUSALEM —

Political analysts say they don't remember the last time an election in Israel has generated so little public interest. Even party activists admit they're unable to get voters involved.

"I've never encountered such apathy before," says Member of Knesset Chaim Ramon, who's leading the Labor party campaign. "There's little debating in public squares the way there was in previous elections. People prefer to stay home."

The parties have given up on large rallies. "They know they can't attract more than 250 or 300 supporters even with a top name speaker," notes Hebrew University sociologist Prof. Moshe Lisak. (The only exception to this is the ultra-Orthodox parties whose rabbis do attract a major crowd.)

Instead, most parties have opted for more intimate "salon sessions" in which voters meet party candidates in the home of a neighborhood activist.

Jerusalemite Jonathan Margalit left flyers in the mailboxes of 200 residents in his Bakaa neighborhood, inviting them to an evening in his home to meet a well-known member of the left-wing Meretz party. "Five people showed up — and that's including my parents," says a disappointed Margalit.

But Margalit was lucky. Both Labor and Likud campaigners admit that on occasion they have staged salon sessions at which no one has shown up.

And although political parties have

spent a significant amount of time and money on nightly television propaganda, pollsters estimate that only a small percentage of the population bothers to watch them.

"People are fed up," says Hebrew University political scientist Dr. Gadi Wolfsfeld. "They are disgusted with the way politicians run the campaign and the country. They feel alienated from the political system."

The predictions of a national unity government add to the electorate's sense of frustration, according to Wolfsfeld.

"We've seen in the past how the two major parties have attacked each other and told how horrible and threatening and what a disaster it would be if the other party came to power. Then when the election's over, they kiss and make up and become partners in a coalition. This leads to cynicism. People tune out."

Perhaps the most telling sign of the times is the fact that both Labor and Likud have had to cancel their traditional mass election rallies ordinarily held in Tel Aviv's Malchei Israel Square. The party campaign leaders were afraid that only a trickle of supporters would show up at the huge plaza.

Only two years ago, the same square was the site of the second largest rally in Israeli history when people from across the political spectrum gathered to express their disgust with the politicians and demand a change in the electoral system.

That outcry was not heeded on time. And now it looks like both major parties are paying the price.

## Rabbi's remarks cause uproar

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"Therefore, it is our duty as Ashkenazim, who know the enemy well, to head this same struggle in Israel and to save the heritage of Sephardi Jewry."

The storm triggered by the rabbi's comments will, if nothing else, bring many more Orthodox and Sephardi voters to the polls in what has been an otherwise low-key anemic campaign. Until now, opinion polls have shown a large drop in support for all the Orthodox parties. But this latest controversy should galvanize an otherwise apathetic electorate.

Some say the rabbi's outburst will backfire against him, bringing proud Sephardi supporters out in droves. "I'm sure this will be worth at least one or two mandates for us," said one Shas supporter at a spirited rally for the party's mentor Rabbi Ovadia

Yoseph.

But others note the overwhelming moral authority Rabbi Schach commands in the Sephardi Orthodox world. Many Sephardim point out that the Lithuanian scholar was the first great Ashkenazi rabbi to allow Sephardim to study in his yeshivot. (The chassidic seminaries of Agudat Israel were for years closed to Sephardim.)

"Rabbi Schach built Sephardi Judaism. He made us what we are today," says Rabbi Moshe Kashi, an Iranian-born yeshiva head who was trained in one of Rabbi Schach's yeshivot.

It is because of the deep respect with which Rabbi Schach is regarded in the Sephardi Orthodox community that Arie Deri and Ovadia Yoseph have not uttered a word in response to the 96-year-old leader's attack.

The real power play between the religious factions may well be played out long before Orthodox and Sephardi voters reach the polls. Unconfirmed reports from sources close to Rabbi Schach say that he intends to use his moral clout to extract several promises from Shas before the election.

These include a commitment not to join a Labor government, as well as a new arrangement that would give other rabbis a say in the way Deri distributes yeshiva funding.

Later this week, Rabbi Schach will be staging a major rally for his supporters at Tel Aviv's Yad Eliyahu stadium. By that time, it should be clear how willing Shas is to bow to the elderly leader's requests. If Shas resists, Rabbi Schach's next attack on the party may be even more vicious and direct than last week's slur.

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## Demjanjuk decision awaited

By PAUL LUNGEN

## TORONTO —

An acquittal of accused war criminal John Demjanjuk, charged with being mass murderer Ivan the Terrible of Treblinka, could lead to calls for an end to war crimes prosecutions in Canada, observers of the case believe.

If Demjanjuk is acquitted, people who have long opposed war crimes prosecutions will argue that the process is flawed and should be abandoned, said Sol Littman, Canadian representative of the Simon Wiesenthal Centre. Moreover, "the government may echo those sentiments," since it has been trying to "disengage" from war crimes trials for years, he charged.

Littman, who has long criticized the willingness of Canadian politicians and bureaucrats to pursue prosecutions with full vigor, said the government is "tidying up" for an election and war crimes prosecutions are an unpopular item in several communities.

Archie Rabinowitz, a spokesman on war crimes for B'nai Brith's Institute for International Affairs, said he fears that an acquittal might serve as an incentive to hold back on further Canadian prosecutions.

While lawyers in the Justice Department's war crimes unit may be eager to pursue cases, they act on the basis of the commitment to their office by government, he said.

He agreed that a not guilty verdict "will be exploited by public interest groups" to argue against further prosecutions.

But the Demjanjuk case should be viewed as a unique case that turns on the issue of the identity of the perpetrator of acknowledged war crimes, he said.

Jack Silverstone, national executive director of Canadian Jewish Congress, said that whatever the Israeli court's decision, Demjanjuk has received due process of law in both Israel and the United States, demonstrating that accused war criminals receive a full and fair hearing.

Whatever the Israeli court decides, "it should have no effect on the Canadian situation," he said.

While some people have opposed war crimes prosecutions in Canada, war crimes cases should be seen in the context of other lengthy domestic criminal prosecutions that might lead to acquittals. The prosecution of war crimes should be no different than that in other violent crimes, he said.

"[The case] should only celebrate the scrupulous fairness of the process," he added.

International media attention has been focused on the Demjanjuk case in recent months, as Demjanjuk's family and his Israeli lawyer, Yoram Sheftel, have claimed that new evidence obtained from the Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS) exonerates Demjanjuk.

They say the evidence points to a man known as Ivan Marchenko as being Ivan the Terrible, the sadistic death camp guard who ran the gas chamber machinery that killed over 800,000 Jews. (The prosecution argues that Demjanjuk and Marchenko are one and the same person.)

Demjanjuk, 72, was a retired Cleveland auto worker who was extradited from the United States to Israel in 1986 to face war crimes charges. In 1988, an Israeli court found him guilty and sentenced him to death.

An appeal in the case was heard last week, when Justice Aharon Barak told the Israeli prosecutor that the conviction would not hold up if there was a reasonable doubt that Demjanjuk was the death camp guard.

A decision in the case is expected in late summer.



# The News in Brief

## Doctors get break

**JERUSALEM** — The Israel Medical Association has expressed "shock" over the Health Ministry's "unilateral" decision to reduce from 20 to 14 years the experience needed by immigrant doctors for exemption from passing licensing exams.

Some IMA sources claimed the decision was "so hurried that it could only be a pre-election scheme of Health Minister Ehud Olmert to gain Russian immigrant votes for the Likud."

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## People keep-a-comin'

**JERUSALEM** — May was another record month for tourism, with 130,000 tourists entering Israel — almost double last year's figure and up a strong 15 percent over May 1990, the Central Bureau of Statistics has reported.

In the first five months of the year, some 598,900 tourists arrived — a slight one percent increase over the same period in 1990, which was the best year ever until the Gulf crisis hit in August.

Officials are predicting that if no similar crisis occurs this year, tourism will surpass its 1987 record of 1.5 million tourists for the year.

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## Caviar substitute

**JERUSALEM** — The cornerstone is to be laid next week in the Galilee town of Migdal Ha'emek for the country's first caviar factory, a joint effort by the Technion and a group of American investors from Boston.

The kosher caviar substitute was developed by an immigrant scientist from the former Soviet Union, Prof. Uri Kogan, of the Technion's faculty of food engineering. The product is made from imported fish and fish eggs.

It is hoped the Israeli caviar will win a place in the world market, which has now been thrown open by the collapse of the Soviet Union, the former leading manufacturer.

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## Anti-Semitism probe

**BUENOS AIRES** — Argentina's representative Jewish body has embarked on an investigation of anti-Semitism here over a key 20-year period preceding and after World War II.

The Delegation of Jewish Associations of Argentina, announced a project called Testimony that seeks to trace the phenomenon from 1930 through 1950.

The intention is to prepare a report that will reflect those years of polemics, discrimination and persecution. The dossier should help understand Argentine politics and policy during that period.

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## Science theme park

**JERUSALEM** — A theme park based on scientific technological and industrial attractions and featuring Disneyland-style special effects is expected to open in the Negev in 1997.

The project will be located at an industrial park outside Dimona.

The park is the brainchild of film director Mickey Goldenberg, who is working with the American T.R.A. company that set up pavilions and attractions at Disneyland in California.

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## Bonn urged to deny aid

**BONN** — The chairman of the Palestinian delegation engaged in peace talks with Israel has urged the German government not to make loans or other aid available to Israel.

Haidar Abdel-Shafi said after a series of meetings with German officials that Israel would only use the money to settle more Jews on Arab lands. He praised the United States for refusing to underwrite loans to Israel for the absorption of immigrants.

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## Peace prize for Oz

**BONN** — Israel's internationally-famous author and peace activist, Amos Oz, has been named recipient of the 1992 Peace Prize awarded by the German Association of Book Distributors.

The association said that the prestigious award was in recognition of his literary contributions and his struggle for peace between Israelis and Palestinians.

The presentation of the prize, worth some \$16,000, will take place Oct. 4 at St. Paul's Church in Frankfurt.

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## War crimes trial

**SYDNEY, Australia** — Ivan Polyukhovich, the first suspect charged under Australia's amended war crimes sta-

tute, has been ordered to stand trial on two of six murder charges brought by the government.

But the alleged war criminal will not face prosecution for the mass murder of 850 Jews from the Ukrainian village of Serniki.

The ruling means that under Australia's strict rules of evidence, a case exists against Polyukhovich, 76, for the murder of six individuals. He will be tried for knowing participation in the Nazi campaign of genocide.

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## Organ donors

**JERUSALEM** — Israel's Health Ministry has distributed some 500,000 pamphlets encouraging people to register as potential organ donors.

The pamphlet stresses that "many of the people waiting for organ transplants will die, others will continue to suffer from chronic illnesses, unable to work and enjoy normal family lives and placing a burden on their families and society."

The registration campaign attempts to persuade the Israeli public that volunteering to donate organs after death is a religious obligation, accepted by Jewish, Muslim and other religious leaders.

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## Islamic appeal

**JERUSALEM** — Israel's Muslim fundamentalist Islamic Movement is for the first time recommending to its followers to vote in the forthcoming Knesset elections.

It urged supporters and followers to vote in the elections and expressed deep regret that two main Arab parties had failed to forge a united list, a step which could increase Arab representation in the next Knesset.

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## Railroad to Eilat

**JERUSALEM** — The cabinet has decided that the state should construct a railroad from Eilat to the centre of the country, and authorized the finance and transport ministers to begin negotiations with potential builders.

Transport Minister Moshe Katsav already has negotiated a tentative agreement with an Italian company specializing in railroad construction.

Katsav believes the railroad would make an important contribution to the economic development of the Negev and Eilat, as well as increasing commercial ties with Africa and East Asia.

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## Election ban upheld

**JERUSALEM** — The Supreme Court has rejected the appeal of the Kach and Kahane Hai parties of their banning from the Knesset elections by the central elections committee.

A five-judge panel upheld the position of the state regarding Kach. They ruled that the movement had not changed its nature — neither ideologically nor by its actions — and is engaged in racist incitement and the negation of the democratic character of the state.

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## Israelis killed on 401

**BELLEVILLE** — Two Israelis were killed last week when their car crashed into a culvert on Highway 401. Moshe Barnea, 57, of Tel Aviv and his wife Zipora, 50, were driving near Trenton. They were in Toronto for a seminar for social workers.

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## PM won't go to Dachau

**OTTAWA** — Prime Minister Brian Mulroney has declined a request to visit the Dachau concentration camp during a summit of the G-7 leaders in Munich next month.

An "unavoidable conflict" in Mulroney's itinerary will prevent his attending a yizkor service at the site of Dachau, the prime minister's scheduling co-ordinator said in a recent letter to the South Florida Committee to Remember the Holocaust, one of two groups planning the service for July 9.

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## Racism report applauded

**TORONTO** — The League for Human Rights of B'nai Brith Canada has applauded a recent report that outlines anti-Black racism in Ontario and it called on Ontario Premier Bob Rae to act quickly on it.

Rapid action to implement the report's recommendations would send a clear message of hope to anti-racism advocates, said Marvin Kurz, Ontario regional chairman of the league.

In his 37-page report, former ambassador to the United Nations Stephen Lewis said evidence of systemic discrimination can be found in schools, workplaces, housing, social services, health systems and in contact with police.

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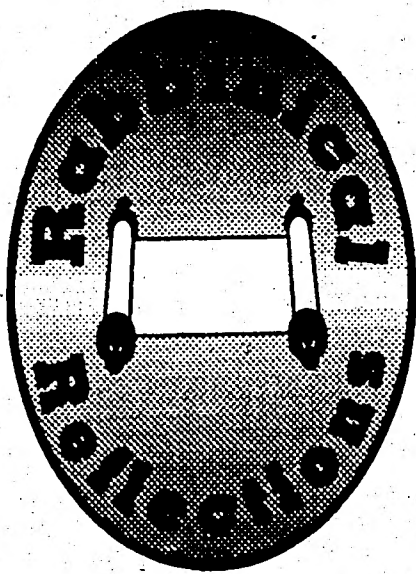
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## Jewish Life



By RABBI BENJAMIN HAUER

The biblical book in the Pentateuch which we Jews are now studying in the synagogues, is the Book of Numbers. Its Hebrew name is Be'Midbar, which means "in the wilderness."

"G-d spoke to Moses in the wilderness of Sinai... Take the sum total (raise the heads) of the whole congregation of the children of Israel, by their families and the homes of their fathers..." Thus reads the text of the first and second verse of Chapter 1 in the Book of Numbers.

This brief introduction to the taking of the census of Israel soon after the exodus from Egypt is most instructive for the children of Israel living now in Montreal, in the context of Canadian Jewry in its totality.

The key words and concepts in these verses are "Be'Midbar," in the wilderness, "take the count," or "raise the heads" and "by their families and the homes of their fathers."

It is interesting to observe that the letters of the Hebrew word for wilderness, midbar can be alternately vocalized to read medaber, denoting "one who speaks." The alternative to frank and honest discussion and dialogue between concerned people and groups, even if they consider themselves "solitudes," is a wilderness-aridity, fruitlessness and futility. In light of the current communications crisis, it must be clear: where there is no well-informed dialogue, there is a deadly desert.

When we do talk with each other,

we must also listen to each other. We must not just hold forth on obvious problems, in bold laments and frustration but seek something concrete, a "davar," a thing of essence, another Hebrew word included in the word "bamidbar."

The first step in this exercise of medaber-dialogue should be to "count the heads" of the Jewish community, and do this in the spirit of the text, by "raising the heads" of the people above the trite banalities repeated by ill-informed individuals. Our minds must be lifted above the obvious and evolve a vision that is all-encompassing, reaching the horizons of Jewish existence in all of Canada and also the United States of America — the entire continent.

This dialogue, including the counting and lifting of the heads, must be informed by considering "their families and the homes of their fathers." This is where the countdown begins.

There is no question that the mood and the spirit of our community is at a low, beset by uncertainty, in need of reassurances and cheer. I personally found a message of encouragement in a recent general survey on attitudes, beliefs and behaviors of the Montreal community, published by the Planning Department of the Allied Jewish Community Services in Montreal.

Following are some of the findings. Most Montreal Jews think they will be living in this province in the foreseeable future. There is a high level of bilingualism among Montreal Jews with a significant minority proficient in spoken Yiddish or Hebrew. The majority show high levels of satisfaction in various aspects of their personal lives, and are optimistic about the immediate future of life in Canada, hoping that a revised federalism will result from the present negotiations.

It is most heartening to find in this report the high proportion of Orthodox members in this community. The majority of the synagogues here in Montreal are Orthodox, with membership and attendance at services, as well as personal observance, being the highest level in Canada and in similar Jewish communities in the en-

tire continent.

Montreal's community is closely knit, with a very low rate of intermarriage; most of these are with converted partners.

Montreal Jewry is highly motivated, with a high percentage of Jews holding membership in Jewish organizations, many volunteers, and almost two-thirds of the community contributing to the Combined Jewish Appeal and other causes, again among the highest on the American continent.

The newly appointed chairman of the Combined Jewish Appeal, Joseph Schaffer, a member of our congregation, just told me that the pledges of the participants in the first CJA Mission to Israel this year, are 50 per cent higher than in the past year. This is a natural result of the high degree of closeness to Israel felt by our Jewish community and the high frequency of visits to Israel by local Jews.

This information about the beliefs and behaviors, the quality of life, Jewish identity and affiliations of our community is encouraging indeed.

When I learned recently that the new Quebec budget, just tabled in the Assembly, provides a "Bubby Bonus" of tax deductible income for those citizens who support financially their grandparents, I was touched to the core.

Raising our heads beyond our borders and observing the occurrences in Los Angeles, our life in Montreal as Jews, in the context of a benign general community, will only add to our feeling of contentment and well-being.

All this awareness resulting from our reasonable and well-informed encounters in "medaber" — dialogue, giving us a true and objective census of a community counted "by families and the homes of their fathers" will "raise our heads" above a narrow, inward-looking, critical exercise in futility about our temporary upsets and enable us to continue our journey toward Jewish fulfilment here in Montreal, in Canada and the entire Jewish world.

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marriage, divorce, remarriage, and conversion.

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BY MIRIAM LANAIL



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# Front Line

## Politics often gets in the way of dealing with issues

By YESHAYAHU ANUG

Not just here, but everywhere, vital issues are the uncomfortable stepchildren of politicians. Take the largest summit ever held, which convened in Rio, to save our planet, no less. Our common habitat is in mortal danger because of catastrophe maintenance, but there is no collective political consensus to stop disaster. At best, half-solutions will be drafted. The many festering conflicts throughout the world get even less effective attention because human suffering is politically less expensive than solutions. In Israel too, a week before elections, issues are not treated seriously, politics are supreme.

But something is happening. The main protagonists of the electoral campaign had sincerely hoped to be spared the uneasy confrontation with reality, and above all to avoid dealing with the most embarrassing issue on this nation's agenda: that of co-existence with the Palestinian Arabs.

Then, suddenly, Arab fanatics savagely stabbed to death a teen-age girl in Bat Yam, a satellite town of Tel Aviv, and two days later, an English-born rabbi was stabbed in Kfar Darom, a settlement in the heart of Arab misery in the Gaza Strip.

Never before had Israel seen such a wild public reaction. At first there was only dismay and fury, but soon local and imported mobs took over the street. Wild Jewish hoodlums stabbed a number of bystanding Arab workers and destroyed Jewish property. Supposedly more rational crowds and local leaders then demanded the permanent closure of the Gaza Strip, the deporta-

tion of thousands of Arabs, the introduction of the death penalty for terrorists and for many nights the chilling slogan "Death to the Arabs" was heard on the streets of Bat Yam. Given the threat of uncontrollable bloodshed, the minister of defence had to close the Gaza Strip for a period, and Arab workers were prohibited from coming to work in Israel.

But this was no plausible solution. The most effective police force and the best intelligence services in this world cannot provide a tight defence against sporadic attacks by individual killers anywhere. Certainly not in contemporary Israel, where tens of thousands of Arabs from the territories continue to sell their cheap labor in Jewish building sites, workshops and services. The bitter lesson of all these events is clearly another: In the absence of any viable solution for the Palestinians in the territories, the unhappy and imposed co-existence with Israelis will continue to generate occasional violence on both sides. The economics of Israel and that of the occupied territories are too interdependent to be separated overnight and no alternative provisions have been made by Israeli governments, past or present. And the Likud government, which keeps claiming that Eretz Israel is one and will forever remain undivided, cannot possibly be expected to restore the former "green line," without confessing utter ideological and practical defeat. And even if that were possible, the 750,000 inhabitants of Gaza, to mention just them, cannot be encapsulated for longer periods in their miserable landstrip. They are bound to explode like a



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human volcano, in search of daily bread. Nor are many Israeli enterprises, big and small, ready to look elsewhere for more expensive workers, although unemployment is high.

This is a messy, intractable issue and repression is certainly not the answer. It is a sad message for Likud politicians, who had genuinely believed that their design could work and that no cost was too high to keep Eretz Israel undivided. They say so in their electoral propaganda, but are now unable to cope with the popular Jewish reaction to terrorist attacks. It was thought that Likud would benefit from the galvanizing outcry against Arab terrorism, because Likud claims to symbolize the hard line, but the recent reaction in Bat Yam, which turned into anti-government rioting, can only help the extreme right fringes, who blame Likud for being too soft on terrorism. It is a vicious and unbreakable circle.

But Likud's main opponents, the Labor leaders, are equally unpersuasive in their feeble reaction to the dangerous Bat Yam syndrome and avoid drawing realistic conclusions in public. Labor feels that in this overheated atmosphere, such conclusions can at best be only slowly administered. There is, incidentally, a strange feeling in the country, that Likud and Labor devour each other while sitting in the same boat, fearing that public frustration will cost them both dearly. This is probably untrue, but a major change, if there will be one, will come primarily from the new voters, whose inclinations are still a well-kept secret.

Meanwhile, north of the Israeli border, a ferocious mini-war has been going on between the hopelessly fanatical Hezbollah — still manipulated by Iran and not discouraged by the Syrians — and between the Israeli units and the Israeli-controlled South Lebanese Army, recently in deep trouble, because of a substantial increase in Hezbollah-inflicted losses. The escalation carries a serious potential of getting out of control, and vigorous American pressure had to intercede in both Damascus and Teheran to control Hezbollah and above all to avoid a direct clash between Syria and Israel. Whether the northern front will calm down remains to be seen. Under the circumstances, the best chance for the northern sector to calm down has been by secret diplomacy. But the process is under permanent risk of destruction, as it has happened in the past, by public pronouncements across the borders of the conflict. The Syrians are skeptical of the peace process, now that they have heard from electioneering Likud and also from Labor leaders, that their hope to regain by negotiations the Golan Heights or parts of them is a pipedream. They may therefore want to elicit a commitment from the Americans for their co-operation.

So for now, as most Arab societies feed on public incitement and Israelis, too, get a taste of the same, the general outlook is unclear. But realism cannot for much longer succumb to illusions. A reasonable outcome of next week's elections and imaginative foreign involvement could inject some movement in the stalling peace process sooner than now seems likely, despite the fact that Israelis will have to wait some time before getting a government and the Americans will be very busy looking for a president.

## Jews of Burma are facing an uncertain future

By ANDREW COHEN

In recent months, while the world has been preoccupied with Yugoslavia and South Africa, a tragedy has been unfolding in a corner of Southeast Asia. There, in an exodus of near biblical dimensions, a legion of Muslims is fleeing a regime which has turned on them with unspeakable cruelty.

The Muslims, known as Rohingyas, come from the mountainous northwest of Burma. Since December, some 225,000 have sought safety in neighboring Bangladesh. The Rohingyas are fleeing the Burmese army, which resents their sympathy for the democratic opposition. It has destroyed their homes, forced them into labor, and raped, tortured and murdered. Having crossed the Naf River, the returnees are now settled in a string of camps, awaiting food and shelter.

This exodus, which has only recently pricked the international conscience, brings to mind the story of another religious minority of Burma whose existence is largely unknown, but whose future is also in danger. It is the story of the Jews of Burma.

That there are Jews in an eastern, isolated country is one of those curiosities of a people whose peripatetic history has scattered them all over the globe. Still, their presence is a surprise. Numbering no more than 50, the Jews are small enough to be ignored at home and large enough to be an inspiration abroad.

The Jews have lived in Burma, which is 85 percent Buddhist, since the middle of the 19th century. Many had fled persecution in Baghdad. Others came from India, Eastern Europe, and England. They were mostly merchants and traders.

In 1939, there were 2,220 Jews in Burma, spread throughout the country. Their prominence was such that the mayor of Rangoon, the capital, was Jewish. But most fled during the war and others emigrated to Israel and America. Some married Buddhists and Muslims and renounced Judaism. The community, like the country, went into sharp decline.

Last year, on an extended visit to Southeast Asia, I went looking for the last redoubt of Judaism in Burma. After wandering for some time in the suffocating, decaying streets of Rangoon, I found it in the Musneah Yeshua Synagogue.

The synagogue sits on 26th Street, a splash of the surreal in a city of the fantastic. A few blocks away is the celebrated Strand Hotel, where the rate card is dated 1959 and the bill is computed on an abacus. Beyond is the Sule Pagoda, where Buddhists chant and bats scratch. Down the street is a mosque and a school; nearby are a jumble of ramshackle stands groaning with books, betel nut, vegetables and cans of house paint. In Rangoon, a city of faded elegance, the sewers are open, the pavement is cracked, the dogs are mangy and the rats are free.

But the synagogue is an island unto itself. Its

walls are an immaculate white, joined by an archway decorated with a blue candelabra. Inside, the sanctuary is tiled in cream and blue, as ornate as it was the day it opened its doors in 1857. The building has two levels, lined with hardwood benches. Its ark once held 126 torahs, of which only two remain.

Presiding over all this little dominion of hope is one Moses Samuels. As the synagogue is the fortress of the community, Samuels is its sentry. Every day, his work is a quiet act of faith.

Moses is no wheezing octogenarian or religious eccentric. He is 41, slight and dark. He wears a stylish polo red and white shirt, the kind smuggled in from Thailand, and a ceremonial skirt made of a rectangle of cloth, knotted at the waist. His business card — an oddity in a city with no business — reads: "Moses Samuels, Managing Trustee, Musneah Yeshua Synagogue."

Moses is the community's defender, banker, historian, publicist. He supports the synagogue by letting space to shopkeepers and renting furniture for weddings. He arranges allowances and meals for the elderly and organizes services when he can get a minyan.

In this he is helped by a kindly Buddhist friend, an associate of his late father's, who maintains the synagogue, keeps the books and paints watercolor posters depicting the Jewish Holy Days and announcing the times of services.

However self-effacing, Moses misses no opportunity to promote the synagogue. Ask a question, he produces a video; offer a donation, he points to a collection box. He welcomes guests but does not expect much of them; he complains that Jews have visited, promised help and did nothing. He talks with resignation more than bitterness.

A fragile, elderly woman drops in. At 85, she is the oldest member of the community and dependent on the synagogue for a livelihood. It isn't enough, she complains, but still manages a weary smile. Like other Jews in other unlikely places, she remembers when the community surged with life. Today, weddings and bar mitzvahs are rare.

For a moment, in the hollow of the morning in this glorious sanctuary, one could forget that this outpost of religious freedom rests in the seat of power one of the world's most vicious regimes. Since taking office under General Ne Win in 1962, the junta has turned a sophisticated country — once the jewel of the British Empire, a capital of culture and a repository of wealth — into an impoverished backwater. It took 30 years and the slide is complete. Having retreated into isolation, Burma is now an international outlaw.

Here, the future is a fugitive and the past is a pariah. This is a country where democracy is a memory and a Nobel Laureate is a threat, where elections are duly held and confidently ignored. In 1988, when soldiers killed 3,000 protesters in the streets and looked for more in the hospitals, Moses opened the synagogue to dissident monks and students. It was Burma's Tiananmen Square,

and his guest book is adorned with expressions of gratitude, most of them unsigned.

Within 10 years, Moses knows this community, which has lasted a century and half, will probably disappear. The old will have died, and the young — such as his three teenaged children — will have left, as will those who can get exit visas. The regime seems to leave the Jews alone because it has forgotten about them or because their numbers are too small to matter.

Eventually, Moses will have to make a fateful decision. Either he will leave Burma to start a

new life with his wife and children in Israel, or he will stay to preserve an old one, the loving custodian of a dying community.

Either way, of course, he will fare better than his Muslim compatriots crowding the camps in Bangladesh. But it will still be an agonizing choice for the last Jew in Burma.

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## FDA ruling dangerous

By SHELDON KRIMSKY

Beware of the Food and Drug Administration's (FDA) new ruling that apparently exempts most genetically engineered food products from special testing before they reach consumers.

This ruling may well endanger the food supply. The new policy won't adequately protect people who have restricted diets or food allergies. And it is likely that allergenic substances will be introduced into foods.

Under federal law the FDA has the option of regulating genetically engineered food by treating it as if it were a food additive.

This would require high standards of safety and place on manufacturers a heavy burden of proof that foreign genes and their protein products in food would not injure consumers and not reduce food's nutritional value.

The FDA chose a far less conservative path, one that introduces unnecessary risks into the food supply.

It leaves it up to the industry to decide about the riskiness of new products.

Cautious companies may ask for a rigorous FDA review; others, where profit margins come first, may select the fast lane to the market.

The policy requires premarket testing only for gene products considered novel.

If a bovine gene is introduced into tomatoes and apples, for example, the resulting food product may be deemed safe because the protein product of that gene is already present in beef people eat.

But the foreign gene may not behave the same in the new crop as it does in the original species; the new gene may affect the functioning of other genes or may be affected by its new environment.

The European Community has taken a more conservative approach, proposing that independent experts review all food products that have been genetically modified.

Until a body of knowledge is developed from years of experience, and the science of assess-

ing genetically engineered food catches up with technology, Europe's approach makes more sense than the FDA's.

The commercial production of genetically engineered crops, food supplements and veterinary hormones is only beginning and has not been free of controversy.

In 1989 and 1990 the FDA recalled a dietary supplement made by a Japanese company that used genetically engineered bacteria.

The product, intended to alleviate insomnia, depression and premenstrual tension, was linked to at least 27 deaths and hundreds of cases of a potentially fatal blood disorder.

In recent years the use of a genetically engineered growth hormone in dairy cows has been debated in Wisconsin and Minnesota.

Not all consumers believe FDA assurances that cows injected with the hormone would not add foreign products to milk or affect its nutritional value.

These cases warn the nation that a fast track for evaluating biotechnology products is not in the best interest of protecting the food supply.

The FDA ruling does not respect the consumer's right to be informed that a product has been genetically altered, for it involves no labeling provisions.

People who adhere to religious dietary laws may want to know that fish, fowl or fruit has been transformed by a gene that produces an animal protein.

Individuals prone to food allergies may need to know which foreign proteins are introduced into refabricated foods.

It is a mistake to initiate genetic engineering by exempting large classes of products from a case-by-case review under the same laws that protect consumers from synthetic food additives.

Surely the new FDA policy is not what business needs to build long-term public confidence. (Sheldon Krinsky, professor of urban and environmental policy at Tufts, is chairman of the Council for Responsible Genetics.)

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## An election wish

**N**ext week, Israelis go to the polls in what is arguably the most important election in the Jewish state's 44-year history. It is the first election since the Gulf War, the breakup of the Soviet Union and U.S. President George Bush's proclamation of a "new world order" in which Israel is struggling to find its place. The extremes of tension and euphoria, fuelled by the ongoing intifada, the ingathering of the exiles from the Soviet Union and Ethiopia — even as Scud missiles rained on Tel Aviv and Haifa — and the anticlimax of the peace talks, have dissipated into a weariness punctuated by bursts of anger whenever terrorism claims a new victim.

It is small wonder that Israelis are weary. For four decades, they have sent their children to the army, paid the highest taxes in the world, and proudly carried the overwhelming share of the cost of bringing Jews to the Jewish homeland. In spite of these burdens, they have built a progressive, successful, dynamic society that has now reached a crisis. Unemployment among the new olim has drastically slowed aliyah; the intifada drags on; progress in the peace talks is measured only by the fact that they have not stopped; and the vaunted new world order has left Saddam Hussein in power and diminished Israel's strategic value to the United States. The price of maintaining one of the most purely democratic electoral systems in the world, of absorbing hundreds of thousands of Jews from threatened Diaspora communities and of ensuring that they and all Israelis have some measure of security in a hostile environment, has become overwhelming. How long can Israel depend on miracles?

One positive development during the tenure of the past government was the raising of the threshold for representation in the Knesset from one percent of the popular vote to 1 1/2 per cent. But that alone will not prevent blocs of splinter parties from joining forces for just long enough to exact concessions favoring their narrow constituency in return for their support in forming a coalition.

For Diaspora Jews, the election watch evokes a peculiar mix of emotions. Bound as we are to Israel by ties of family, friendship, faith and history, we are, and must be, bystanders as Israelis set the course for their country over the next crucial years.

Whatever our political philosophy or preferences, what we can hope for next week is the election of a strong government with a clear mandate that cannot be held hostage to the narrow political agendas of parties that care more for the good of their own supporters than for the future of the State of Israel.

## Shaw's legacy

**G**eorge Bernard Shaw, in his own inimitable way, saw the theatre as a vehicle for the dissemination of his frank opinions on a variety of social issues such as the arms race, medicine and the differences in class.

The theatre which bears his name in Niagara-on-the-Lake is now celebrating its 31st anniversary and it continues to feature Shaw's dramatic assaults on the foibles of humankind. It is remarkable that while Shaw died in 1950 and many of his major plays were produced decades before that, the messages he conveys in them are strikingly contemporary.

The Shaw Festival in general tries to live up to Shaw's gift for reformist candor in the choice of the other plays it presents each season. In this context the Festival is to be congratulated for staging Elmer Rice's *Counsellor-At-Law* which was first performed on Broadway in 1931 and in Canada in 1933 at the Royal Alexandra Theatre.

The play deals with a Jewish lawyer, George Simon and his Italian partner, John Tedesco, who run a highly successful law firm in New York City during the Depression. The plot pivots on an attempt, by an adversary representing the old New York City WASP establishment, to disbar Simon who, in an act of misplaced charity years before, compromised legal ethics.

From that plot line, playwright Rice fashions a tale about a society in which Jews and other ethnics struggle, sometimes successfully, to break into society's highest professional and social cadres. Even when they succeed partially, as does Simon (who also marries into the gentile establishment) the spectre of anti-Semitism inevitably lingers in the background to thwart upward mobility.

Rice's play at the Shaw Festival this year is especially important because it reconstructs not only the ambience of New York City in 1931 but that of Ontario as well. In that decade, Jewish medical graduates could not secure internships in Ontario (or Quebec) hospitals and the majority of law firms would not hire Jewish lawyers. Few Jewish professors could be found in Ontario universities.

The anti-Semitism which fuelled that discrimination did not dissipate until well into the 1960s and vestiges of the syndrome still remain, unfortunately, with Canadians today.

It is to the credit of The Shaw Festival that it has tackled, and very successfully so, a play with such an important social agenda.



### TAKING IT EASY

Two Moroccan Jews in traditional dress enjoy a picnic in Jerusalem. (IPPA photo)

## Letters to the Editor

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#### FINALLY A MEMORIAL

I am relieved to learn that finally, 47 years after the Holocaust, a visible sign of Jewish suffering was installed in the courtyard of a building called Block No. 11 in Auschwitz, Poland. It was a rock with the inscription in Hebrew "my sorrow is continually before me" — a fitting tribute to the memory of the hundreds of Jews murdered in this Block No. 11.

The German concentration camp Auschwitz was a conglomeration of several camps, covering an area as large as the city of Red Deer, and this Block No. 11 was actually a jail. Today it is Poland's national shrine, where about 20,000 Polish Catholics were executed. Jewish deaths, in Block No. 11 were never acknowledged up till now.

What we the survivors note, with great alarm and sadness, is that with the passage of time, the history of the Holocaust is twisted, questioned, diminished or brutally ridiculed, as experienced by me during the obscene shouting and swearing, in September, 1990, at the Aryan Nations Fest in Provost, Alberta.

Sigmund Sobolewski  
Fort Assiniboine, Alta.

#### FOR SHAME, CANADA

Canada is considered to be a free, democratic and enlightened country, but when it comes to the Jewish question, Canada has a sorry, dismal record.

Let's go back to World War II, when the Nazis and their collaborators were

slaughtering and burning Jewish men, women, and children. Representations were made to the Canadian government of the day for admittance of Jewish refugees on humanitarian grounds. There were pleas from various Jewish organizations, as well as pleas from individuals, to admit Jewish people but it was to no avail, the doors were shut tight.

The Jewish population of Canada is less than one percent of the total population. What harm would it have done if 100,000 Jewish people had been admitted during those terrible times? Perhaps if Canada had showed more caring and humanity, other countries would have followed suit, and thousands of lives could have been saved.

Now, regarding hate literature. This is 1992 and so far we do not have strong federal laws to deal with the likes of Keegstra, Zundel, Malcolm Ross, and others. Successive governments, be they Liberal or Conservative, have not dealt with this matter and have swept it under the rug. In the meantime, these purveyors of hate and distributors of anti-Semitic literature go their merry way. There are lots of laws but no justice for Jews in Canada. I say, "For shame, Canada."

Nathan Cohen  
Moncton, NB

#### PLENARY RESOLUTIONS

As a delegate who actively participated in the resolutions session of the CJC plenary, I would like to respond to Rabbi Spiro's query.

The basic argument of those opposing the settlements freeze resolution was that Canadian Jews should not be trying to impose actions on the government of Israel. Whether one agrees or not with this position, the delegates showed their consistency by passing an amendment to the next resolution considered, to remove a statement calling on Israel to maintain "its steadfast negotiating stance."

This was followed by passage of a combined Ahdut Haavoda/Canadian Friends of Peace Now resolution expressing strong support for the peace process between Israel, Jordan, Lebanon, Syria and the Palestinians.

The resolutions sessions, though scheduled at awkward times, were well-chaired, with all of the delegates demonstrating respect for the opinions of others and keen concern for the best interests of Canadian Jewry.

David Gladstone  
Ottawa

#### NEED ANTI-RACIST UNITY

The confused response by Molly Posen (June 4) to Kyla Wazana's lucid letter (May 21) was disheartening. Wazana argued with clarity that racism and violent white supremacy are a constant threat not only to children, women and men of color, but also to the Jewish communities. She also argued that it is particularly incumbent upon us to fight — together with all others also targeted by the haters — against the well-documented rise of neo-fascist and neo-Nazi violence.

We can work toward the day when the Christian majority assumes responsibility for stemming anti-Semitism, and work toward the day when the white majority assumes responsibility for stemming white supremacy movements, but to turn our backs on the urgent need to take action against violent racism and anti-Semitism in Toronto and elsewhere will become increasingly fatal.

To deny this need, using the flimsy rationale that "we are human and fall short," grants immediate victory to the hate-mongers. There have been innovative and sustained programs of outreach, support and strong co-operation between several Jewish organizations and other communities particularly targeted by the supremacists, but this does not negate the need for more Jewish organizations, and more Jews, to become more involved, more intensely and more consistently.

It is true that the struggle to integrate actions against anti-Semitism into anti-racist networks is often discouraging. But to desist from that struggle, at a time when international fascism is intensifying, when Canadian-based recruiters for the "white rights" movement continue to threaten and harm Jews, blacks, other racial and religious "minorities," lesbians, gay men, abortion clinics and aboriginal communities is no time to write platitudes about bleeding hearts.

The hearts that bleed because of the violence of anti-Semitism and racism are real hearts in real bodies. We must not abandon our children or our communities to confused or defeated passivity. Indeed, Ms. Posen, let us "publish the positive effect of Jewish contributions," but don't "shah still" logical and caring pleas for greater action.

Laura Weintraub  
Toronto



## Opinion

# Is world Jewry prepared for changes?

By J. B. SALSBERG

I confess that lately I have been more than somewhat disturbed by the gnawing question of whether our world Jewish leadership is sufficiently conscious of, and therefore, politically and organizationally prepared, to meet the great changes that are now sweeping over the Middle East.

Gone are the days when "Little Israel" posed as the "only reliable friend" that the United States (and the entire world) has in the strategic oil rich Middle East.

Now, however, the Russian Communist bogeyman has vanished from the scene. The United States has become the major power in that strategic area of the world. The Arab, and the "Islamic world" as a whole have therefore become the prime consideration of U.S. President George Bush and the U.S. State Department. The recent vulgar and offensive expression of the U.S. Secretary of State, telling the American Jews to "f--- themselves" reflects the attitude of present "official Washington" rulers.

Large sections of American Jewry feel deeply hurt by Washington's new course and President Bush has become a target for Jewish criticism.

Far be it from me to defend President Bush. He deserves all the criticism and more that is now directed at him by U.S. Jewish spokesmen. But, would any other "Bush" in the White House burn less menacingly now?

There is another side to the degenerating diplomatic relationship between Washington and Jerusalem. It is the traditional political behavior and policies of "Zionist-Revisionism" that now holds the reins of power in the Israeli government.

A wise person, and I forget his name at this moment, once said that "politics is the art of the possible." Ben-Gurion understood that when he formed Israel's first government. So did the then-head of the Mizrahi (Religious) party. When asked how he, a believer in the indivisibility of the Holy Land, could vote for a truncated Holy Land, he replied sardonically: "We must leave some unfinished business for the Messiah to complete..."

I believe that an Israeli coalition government, headed by the Israeli Labor Party, the party of Ben-Gurion, Peres and Rabin, would best serve Israel's present internal as well as external re-

quirements. I also believe that the forthcoming Israeli elections (this coming week) will result in such a government being formed. I am also of the belief that a Labor-led government will immensely improve the relations between Israel and the Jewish communities around the world. Such a state of affairs can't come too soon.

But, in view of such worldwide changes in government in all areas of Jewish concern, I am troubled by the absence of serious evaluations and, yes, discussions, within the Jewish communities around the world about those changes. I mean serious and objective discussions and evaluations of the changes taking place.

I would like to see national Jewish leaders of all worldwide bodies, but primarily those from Israel, participate in such enlightening assemblies in every important Jewish community around the world.

Such assemblies, addressed by prominent spokesmen of major Israeli political and ideological sectors, would strengthen the ties between Israel and the Diaspora. So would a massive

educational program by the World Jewish Congress, directed at every important Jewish community around the world.

In this rapidly changing world, are Israel and world Jewry making all preparations to adjust to those changes in the best interests of Jewish peoplehood?

I believe that we, all of us, have become too routine. Neither the current conditions of Israel and in all of our worldwide communities justify such a development.

In too many Jewish national and local centres, policies and leadership have become too routinized. Yes, there is even, at least in my view, a routine division of responsibilities.

It's time for a less routine mode of leadership and the reintroduction of the polemicized style of leadership.

We say, and it is true, that we live in a changing world. Are we changing our modes of leadership to reflect those changes?

Let's examine what and how we change our communal structures.

Let's not be afraid of change and of polemics that precede and accompany such change.

Above everything, let's not become routinized.



J.B. Salsberg

## A look at our past and our future

By RABBI W. GUNTHER PLAUT

Six Million? For some time now there have been several discussions on the approximate number of Jews that died in the Holocaust. I say "approximate" because exact numbers will unfortunately never be available.

Shortly after the extent of the catastrophe became known, estimates began to be made as to the number of victims. In time it was generally accepted that six million had perished.

However, serious studies — and I don't mean Revisionists who deny the Holocaust altogether — doubted that the figure indeed was as high as that. One of the most distinguished Holocaust researchers, Prof. Yehuda Bauer of the Hebrew University in Jerusalem, sets the figure as closer to four million.

The latest contribution to this discussion comes from Dr. Shmuel Krakowski, director of the archives at Yad Vashem. Basing himself on newly accessible collections of materials from the former Soviet Union, he comes to opposite conclusions.

Of particular importance is the 27-volume

report of the Jewish Anti-Fascist Committee, the Jewish body allowed by Joseph Stalin, the Soviet dictator. This collection contains official reports, personal letters, diaries, and testimonies which detail the names of thousands of Jewish victims, collaborators, and Righteous Gentiles. In addition, the Soviet archives also include items left behind by the Nazis during their flight.

After an initial study of the materials Dr. Krakowski concluded that in fact the number of victims was considerably greater than assumed heretofore. Not only is the four million figure much too small, but even the six million figure needs to be revised, and revised upward.

Scholars will now be busy sorting out the immense number of papers. For the time being "six million" will remain the estimate which describes the vast and unimaginable tragedy that struck our people.

**The Children Again.** It's that time of year again when we have special visitors from Israel.

They are the youngsters — usually between the ages of 9-13 — who make a tour of North America and who demonstrate like few others can, that there is another side to Israel. They represent the Israel Tennis Centre, a wonderful organization that has built so far 13 outstanding complexes throughout the country from the Negev to northern Galilee. According to president Chaim Herzog, "the Israel Tennis Centre is the single most successful recreational, athletic, social program for the children of Israel."

One has to visit one of the centres to know why the president is right. The children are not only taught free of charge and supplied with all equipment, they become involved in a wide-ranging program of social services, physical fitness, nutrition, hygiene, as well as counselling and rehabilitation. The Israel Tennis Centres were created to give an entire generation of Israeli youngsters a healthy outlook and to bring greater normalcy to their pressured lives.

In addition to ordinary instruction, which also teaches on-court and off-court behavior and

courtesy, there are special programs as well: wheelchair tennis, one-on-one teaching for retarded children, and an innovative peace program that brings Arab and Jewish children together on the courts.

The Centre's contribution to the recent Ethiopian and Russian aliyah has been exemplary. Thousands of newly arrived children have been given a chance to mix with already resident Israeli youngsters outside the classrooms. Even more important, they find themselves immediately and unreservedly accepted in an enjoyable environment, and one of the Russian olim has already made it to the Number 3 spot in the world rankings in the under-18 category. Her very name betokens her capacity: Anna Smashnova!

All of which represents more than just tennis as a sport — it has made possible the introduction of a new and more hopeful culture that speaks of tomorrow in terms of today. (If you want to see the Israeli juniors play, you may watch them in competition with Canadian boys and girls on Sunday morning, June 21, at York Racquets Club in Toronto. Call Anne, 660-1999 for details. Unfortunately, this will be the only Canadian appearance.)



Rabbi Plaut

## There's never a dull moment at home

By ELAINE KAHN

Three separate phone lines come into our home, on a total of 10 phones. At one point, this arrangement probably seemed to have logic behind it, despite the fact none of us really enjoys talking on the phone — but both my husband and I have offices at home, we all like our privacy, the girls are of an age when...

Lately, however, it's all seemed like an exercise in masochism, a matter of who can get to the bad news fastest when the next call comes in. With the exception of a call from a friend to say she's expecting her first child, all three phone lines have become electronic sluices of doom recently.

At Shabbat dinner several months ago, after a particularly bad week, Sara and Rachel mentioned a book report assignment that struck me immediately, though not in retrospect, as totally idiotic. They were to read a biography (Rachel chose one on actress Vivien Leigh, Sara picked Bloomsbury saloniste Ottoline Morrell) and, as part of the report, compare and contrast the person in the bio with any other person, living or dead.

"What," I said, dripping sarcasm, "you mean like Vivien Leigh and Hitler?"

Let's put it this way: Rachel got an A (I also give an A to her day school teacher, for letting her get away with it).

They've got wonderful excess chutzpah, those kids (Sara decided to compare the bed-hopping

Lady Morrell with Mother Teresa). Which is a good thing. Because their mother is in bad need of a chutzpah transfusion.

Although all recent annual tests at my doctors turned out fine, my dentist is happy with me and I'm not ready for bifocals quite yet, there is little passion in my mental fuel line, the smile battery is way down, the willingness to take risks doesn't respond to even my most fervent boosters.

I turn 40 next spring and have become totally obsessive about it.

Worse, I've become backward-looking. I look at my daughters and, though I have no wish to be 13 again, I vigorously envy their varied passionate enthusiasm, their position on the threshold. I remember so clearly what that was like.

What I haven't figured out yet is how to recapture both that enthusiasm and the unappreciated feeling, back then, of being at a great beginning.

How, I ask myself daily, does one really put a positive spin on "life begins at 40"?

It's a question I have to find an answer for before I start becoming a real danger to my kids, a wet blanket at their party, unkindly tempering their dreams and passions from my position of adult "experience" and increasing fatigue and cynicism, instead of genuinely and unflinchingly helping them towards their goals.

When Sara tells me that she too wants to be

a writer, surely the wrong response is to argue her out of it. But argue I have. Now, one day, I will show up as one of her fictional creations: a bitter old woman executed by a firing squad for trampling on the brilliant young heroine's dreams. It will serve me right.

My daughters are fortunate that their father never reins in their dreams. He doesn't curb mine either, but whether this is love, stupidity or a realistic appraisal of my fast-shrinking future is still unclear to me. It's one of the many ways he reminds me of my mother.

And my mother, currently, is another of my problems.

It's not from the scare I got when she phoned two weeks ago to say she'd been in a car accident (she's fine, thanks, just terribly bruised) or from the scare last week when she phoned to say my 4-year-old niece was in emergency surgery with a shattered elbow (she's fine, thanks, but I'm not sure her parents or the rest of us are).

It's not because she spoils my kids (she could be worse) or interferes with my marriage (she wouldn't dare) or because she prefers my husband to me (it's an honest mistake).

It's not even her, um, coffee.

She's a problem because she's only 20 years my senior. It doesn't make turning 40 any easier when you have clear memories of your own mother doing it — and it seems like yesterday.

Worse, I had dinner a few months ago in Mon-



Elaine Kahn

treal with her and her oldest friend — and, as I listened to these two 59-year-old women reminisce, it seemed, for me, like only tomorrow.

I have a terrific mother — others have often envied us our relationship and, snotty as it sounds, they should. But I don't get the thrill she does when we're mistaken for sisters (especially when I'm mistaken for the elder).

Nor was it fun to recently decide against shopping in certain stores because they have "young" fashions, more geared to my daughters — and then remember my mother making a similar decision when she was even a little younger than I am.

My mother's 60th birthday is in September. I'm making it public because she more than deserves the recognition and because my sister and I aren't making a party — instead, we're going to take her away for a few days.

It's kind of an experiment — the three of us have never gone away together before. Could turn out to be "The Three Musketeers" — could turn out to be the three muskets — I'll let you know.

But not till October. My husband tried to talk me out of this short sabbatical, but my aforementioned pregnant friend didn't disagree with me when I said readers might, by now, be tired of my personal kvetching, column after column, while rain forests are slashed and burned, women and children are abused and raped and a Ross Perot/Brian Mulroney ticket rises in the polls from acid trip to hallucination.

The original mandate for this column was, after all, to be amusing.



## Features

# Uncertainties plague Latvian Jews

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

*[First in a series]*

Gnawing uncertainty plagues Latvia's estimated 18,000 Jews.

"Everything is very 'iffy' now," acknowledges Gregory Kroupnikov, the co-chairman of the Latvian Society for Jewish Culture and a Riga city councilman.

Jews in this Baltic state — which declared its independence last August after more than 50 years of Soviet occupation and subservience — are beleaguered by mounting problems.

Latvian Jewry — which was physically devastated by the Holocaust and spiritually undermined by Soviet rule — is disturbed by the spectre of Latvia's sharp economic decline and worried that a proposed citizenship law might disenfranchise about half of its members.

And, recalling the unprecedented tragedies of the war years, during which a large proportion of the Jewish population was exterminated by the Germans and their Latvian collaborators, the average Jew fears that open anti-Semitism may become an issue yet again. It may be an irrational fear, since the Latvian government has officially condemned the phenomenon of anti-Semitism.

What most worries Jews, however, is the deteriorating state of the economy. Under communism, there was no freedom, but at least there was a measure of economic stability. But now, with Latvia free at last, that security blanket has been swept from under the feet of Latvia's 2.7 million inhabitants.

As Latvia struggles to make the extremely painful transition to a Western-style market economy, it must cope with raging inflation, which deflates real incomes, and chronic shortages of consumer goods.

For the majority of Latvians, Jews and non-Jews alike, conditions are worse today than when Latvia was a reluctant Soviet republic, says Ruta Marjasa, a Jewish deputy of the Supreme Council, the country's chief parliamentary body. By her estimation, about 25 percent of Latvia's population lives below the poverty line.

Pensioners and job holders with fixed incomes have been hardest hit by the drastic fall of the standard of living, suggests Mavriks Vulfsons, a member of the Supreme Council, an ambassador-at-large and probably Latvia's best-known Jewish personality. "The economic situation is very bad," concedes Vulfsons, who, in the late 1980s, was apparently the first Latvian politician to openly describe Latvia as "Soviet occupied."

Before it was annexed by the Soviet Union in 1940 and plunged into decades of totalitarianism, Latvia was a fairly prosperous country on a par with neighboring Finland. Even during the long years of Communist domination, Latvia and the two other Baltic states, Lithuania and Estonia, were better off than other Soviet republics. Today, this is still true, says Riga newspaper editor Andris Jakubans.

But by Western standards, Latvia is impoverished. Riga, the once-regal capital of

900,000, looks dilapidated. Buildings are crumbling. Roads are in poor repair. Due to oil shortages, heating was cut off in mid-April, forcing residents to shiver through one of the coldest springs in memory.

Salaries cannot keep up with inflation. A dentist earns \$30 to \$40 per month. An ordinary worker takes home less than half that amount. Shelves in food stores seem well stocked, but prices have skyrocketed, leaving sticker shock in its wake. Lemons and bananas, for example, are out of most people's reach. The simplest goods, such as a pair of pajamas, are unavailable.

And, of course, this malaise has affected the Jewish community. At Riga's Jewish day school, the first to open in the former Soviet Union since World War II, toilet stalls have no doors and toilet paper is nonexistent. Anatoly Friedman, the principal, explains that a severe shortage of building materials makes it impossible to buy wood. And toilet paper, which is scarce, would be immediately stolen, he adds with an embarrassed grin.

Over at the Jewish community centre, about a block away from a Russian and ex-Soviet army building, the co-chairperson of the Latvian Society for Jewish Culture, Esfera Rapina, sings her lament.

Not long ago, the Latvian government — which has encouraged the flowering of Jewish culture — donated funds for a Holocaust memorial, to be built on the site of a synagogue burned down by the Nazis. But work on the project has stopped because inflation has cut into the original value of the government's gift.

"I really don't know what to do," she says with sorrow and frustration in her voice. "I need \$20,000 (U.S.) to finish it." She appeals for Diaspora assistance. (Donations can be sent to Credit Lyonnais in New York City.)

There is a consensus that if Latvia is dragged further into the mire of insolvency, emigration, whether to Israel or elsewhere, will become a tempting alternative for many in the community.

It has already taken its toll. According to Rapina, who is 75, some 4,000 Jews have left Latvia since 1989. Three-quarters have made aliyah to Israel, with the balance having gone mainly to the United States, Germany and Canada.

Gershon Gorev, Israel's diplomatic representative in Riga, expects that 60 to 70 percent of Latvia's remaining Jews will leave within the next decade. Kroupnikov's figure for aliyah is 40 to 50 a month. Candidates for aliyah, he explains, are young families, or Jews either interested in buttressing their sense of Jewish identity or in joining relatives and friends already in Israel.

A chat with a group of Latvian Jewish students, gathered around a table at the Jewish community centre, reveals that emigration is not just a theoretical possibility.

Alex Gritun, 19, is preparing himself for aliyah, as is Yefim Rayev, 18. Leonid Kil, 21, intends to immigrate to the United States. Significantly, nearly all their friends plan to emigrate.

Others, such as physicist Yuri Vulfsons and English teacher Zina Leikina, are partial to aliyah, but are afraid of being unemployed or un-

deremployed in Israel.

Although emigration is popular in Jewish circles today, some non-Jewish Latvians believe that a buoyant economy will eventually lure back more than a few of the emigres.

"We're interested in the existence of a stable and prosperous Jewish community," declares Romualdas Razukas, chairman of the Popular Front of Latvia, which spearheaded Latvia's drive to independence.

Razukas says that a thriving Jewish community is in Latvia's interests. It would prove to potential aid donors in the West that Latvia respects the rights of its national minorities.

But Latvia may yet be hard-pressed to convince the world that minorities are welcome. Jews, as well as ethnic Russians, are deeply concerned about a proposed citizenship law that, if promulgated, could deprive upwards of 800,000 Latvian residents of voting privileges and land owning rights.

If radicals in parliament have their way, Soviet citizens who settled in Latvia after the 1940 Soviet annexation would only be eligible for citizenship if they passed a Latvian language and history proficiency test. Moderates have adopted a softer position, but if a drastic citizenship law goes into effect, untold numbers of Latvians of Russian or Ukrainian origin could be consigned to second-class status.

Latvians in favor of it are motivated not by racial hatred, but by a fear of being outnumbered in their native land. At present, ethnic Latvians comprise barely a majority of the total population.

If promulgated, the citizenship law would have an enormous impact on the Jewish community, as many of its members were born elsewhere in the former Soviet Union.

Visvaldis Brinkmanis, a non-Jewish Latvian politician whom opponents consider an extremist, claims that anywhere from 3,000 to 5,000 Jews would fall under its purview.

Hone Bregman, principal of the community's Sunday school, implies that the proposed law could cripple the community, which is very much Russified. Indeed, he points out, the main language of instruction at the Jewish day school is Russian, not Latvian.

According to Mavriks Vulfsons, the passage of such legislation would send an unmistakable signal to Jews. "If right-wing nationalism prevails, Jews may leave Latvia," he warns. "Every Jew is allergic to strong nationalism and xenophobia."

Anti-Semitism, usually a by-product of such phenomena, is not a problem for Jews in Latvia today, says Kroupnikov. The kind of state-sanctioned anti-Semitism — which was endemic in the old Soviet Union and which ruined untold careers — is "dead" in independent Latvia. Pamyat, the virulently anti-Semitic Russian organization, has failed miserably in Latvia, Kroupnikov notes.

But not surprisingly, grassroots anti-Semitism exists — fuelled by old-fashioned Christian Judeophobia and by a resentful perception that Jews welcomed Soviet troops to Latvia in 1940.

In regretful tones, Mavriks Vulfsons says that some Latvian nationalists still don't understand and appreciate the existential dilemma Latvian Jews faced in 1940. Jews realized that Stalin would nationalize Jewish businesses and dismantle Jewish cultural and religious institutions, which is what actually happened. But, on the other hand, they instinctively knew that Hitler would try to annihilate Jews merely because they were Jews, which is precisely what transpired after June 1941.

But to the ordinary Latvian, says Kroupnikov, the Soviet Union was worse than Nazi Germany because, after 1940, Latvia lost its cherished interwar independence.

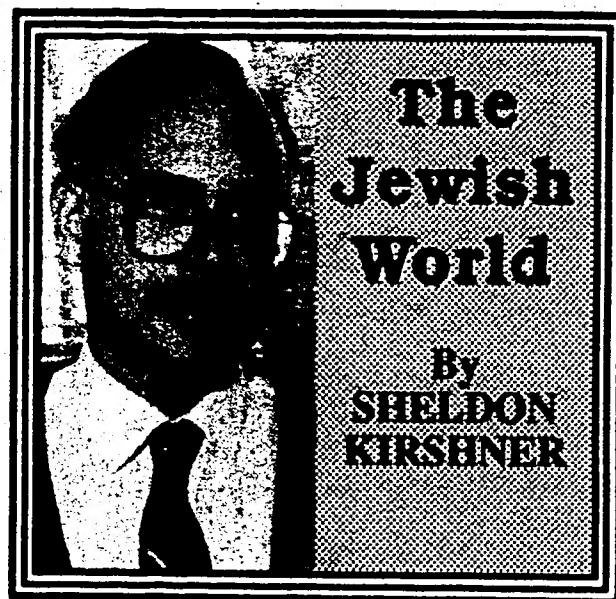
At the end of the day, it's clear that World War II left an indelible mark on Jews and Latvians. While some Latvians continue to point an accusing finger at Jews who greeted the Soviet occupation with relief, Jews are traumatized by the crimes Germans — and Latvians — committed during the Holocaust.

This trauma is translated into a fear of what the future could bring, says Natan Barkan, Latvia's only rabbi.

Susanna Bike, a 17-year-old Jewish student, probably puts it best: "Now the Latvians hate the Russians, but in the future they may hate Jews."

Bike's angst may be entirely misplaced; not a single Latvian political group espouses anti-Semitism in its program. But her fears are not unusual in a community which has been so deeply scarred by the Holocaust.

Calm and reasonable people, from Yuri Vulfsons to Michael Leinwand — the artistic director of the Latvia's renowned Kinnor song-and-dance ensemble — share the belief that the future is fraught with immense uncertainties.



"Art," Adolf Hitler wrote in 1935, is "an expression of political will."

Hitler, an amateur painter of limited talent, readily understood that dictum. Art, he realized, could be manipulated and used as an instrument for moulding Germany into a racist, totalitarian state.

So it is not surprising that, within weeks of taking power, Nazi Germany launched what would be a revolutionary process of "cleansing" the nation's rich artistic heritage.

Josef Goebbels, Hitler's fiery propaganda minister, began by offering non-Jewish artists free studios, exemption from conscription and tax concessions. But this was just the opening shot in a cultural war that would end only with the collapse of Nazism.

In 1937, a year before the Munich crisis, the Nazis mounted what, in retrospect, was their most ambitious effort to make German art conform to Nazi ideology.

An exhibition, entitled Degenerate Art, was their vehicle. It opened in Munich under the sponsorship of Hitler and Goebbels. Its purpose was clear — to prove that modernism was basically anti-German, subversive, pornographic and in thrall to the perverse "Jewish spirit" that had infected German art. The works of such 20th century masters as Marc Chagall, Otto Dix, Ludwig Kirchner, Paul Klee, George Grosz, Emil Nolde and Wassily Kandinsky were put on display.

Modern art was anathema to the Nazis because it is an expression of individualism and refutes the notion that no single perception of reality can be construed as the absolute truth. Hitler and Goebbels knew that, in order to perpetuate Nazism, they would have to obliterate the underpinnings of modernism.

Degenerate Art — which was composed of 650 confiscated works illustrating the alleged decadence into which German art had descended — ran for four years. It was a roaring success, attracting nearly three million viewers in 13 German and Austrian cities.

## Exhibition in Berlin

When it closed, the paintings, graphics and sculptures were sold or locked away in vaults. By 1945, with the Third Reich's demise fast approaching, more than half the collection had been lost or destroyed.

But the odyssey of Degenerate Art did not end there.

Last year, a portable version opened in Los Angeles, Washington and Chicago, the chief objective being to shed further light on the misguided practices of Nazi Germany.

Several months ago, the notorious exhibition resurfaced in Germany, in eastern Berlin's ornate Altes Museum, which I visited in late May.

When it was originally inaugurated in 1937, Adolf Ziegler, president of the Third Reich's Chamber of the Fine Arts, tartly observed: "You see around us monstrous products of madness, of impudence, of degeneration."

Fifty five years on, the message was radically different. When Degenerate Art opened in Berlin, Germany's foreign minister, Hans-Dietrich Genscher (who has since resigned), described it as a Nazi attempt to restrict artistic expression. And he correctly called it "a step toward the catastrophe that produced the mass murder of European Jews and the war of extermination against Germany's neighbors."

I spent almost two hours wandering through the massive, hushed halls of the Altes Museum, gazing at the supposedly degenerate works banned by the Nazis.

There were shtetl and Purim scenes, as well as a portrait of a bearded rabbi, by Chagall. There was Lasar Segal's bleak canvas of The Eternal Wanderers (read Jews); nudes by Karl Hofer; a remarkable avant-garde cityscape by Kandinsky; a pastoral landscape of cows in a meadow by Nolde; and sensual lithographs of men and women at play by Grosz.

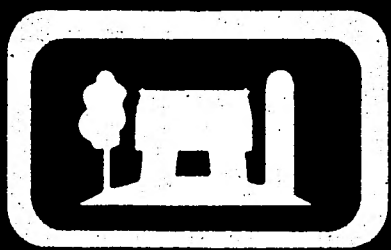
From a purely esthetic point of view, I did not find all the canvasses particularly appealing. Indeed, a few were downright shocking and repellent. But to the Nazis, for all the wrong reasons, they were unequivocally beastly and unworthy.

We now know that, for Hitler and company, the visual arts were the thin edge of the wedge — the road that led inexorably to the death camps.



Mavriks Vulfsons, a prominent member of Latvia's Jewish community. (Sheldon Kirshner photo)

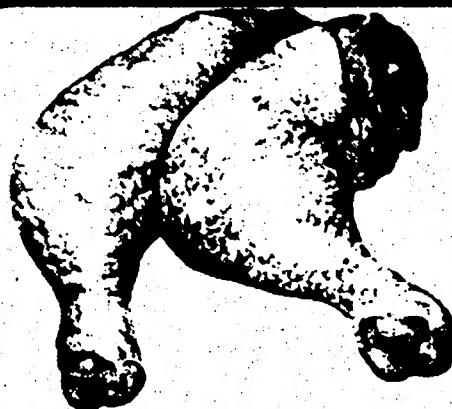




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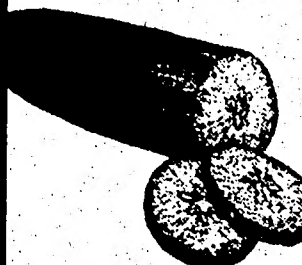
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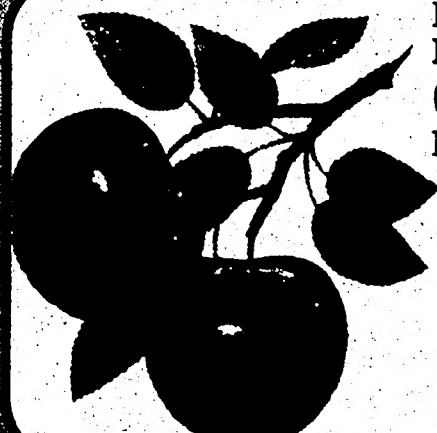
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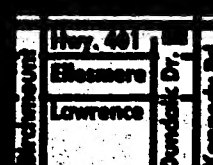
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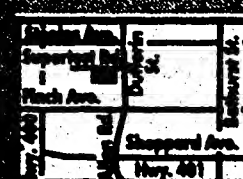
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### CJC Ontario region to elect officers for national executive

#### TORONTO —

A meeting of the Ontario Regional Council of Canadian Jewish Congress will be held on Tuesday, June 30 at 7:30 p.m. in the Lipa Green Building for the election of regional officers and executive members, and Ontario members of the CJC National Executive from 1992 to 1995.

The recommendations by the Regional Nominations Committee for officers are: Vice-Chairmen - Maurice Benzacar, Sandra Brown, P. Theodore Matlow, and Paul Walman (Kitchener); Secretary, Keith Landy; Assistant Secretary, Patricia Rubin; Treasurer, Harold Brief; Assistant Treasurer, Robert (Eli) Rubinstein; Honorary Counsel, John I. Laskin; and Immediate Past-Chairman, Eric W. Slavens.

(Regional Chairperson Gerda Frieberg and National Vice-President from the Ontario Region Dr. Jeffrey J. Lipsitz were elected at the recent CJC National Plenary Assembly.)

Nominated as regional Officers-At-Large are: Martin Brown (North Bay), Jack Chisvin (ex-officio), Helen Daniels, Joyce Eklove, Hindy Friedman, Robert Furman, Stephen Granovsky, Carol Kassel, Louis Lenkinski, Dr. Jack Mintz, David Sadowski, David Satok, Prof. Stuart Schoenfeld, Faygie Schwartz, Toni Silberman and Julius Sokoloff.

Nominated as National Executive members from the Ontario Region are: Maurice Benzacar, Sandra Brown, Stephen Granovsky, Louis Lenkinski, David Satok, and Eric W. Slavens.

Additional nominations to any of the CJC regional positions will be accepted from members of the Regional Council no later than 4 p.m. on Thursday, June 25. They must be submitted in writing to the CJC office, 4600 Bathurst St., 5th floor, Willowdale, Ont. M2R 3V2.

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## Organizations and People

# Community facing identity crisis: Chisvin

By RON CSILLAG

## TORONTO —

The Jewish community is facing a "seemingly unmanageable identity crisis," Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto president Jack Chisvin warned at the organization's June 2 annual meeting.

In a strongly-worded message to over 300 community leaders, Chisvin, who is midway through his two-year term, cautioned that in "melting into the melting pot, in shedding our Yiddishkeit, in our intent not to be a 'shanda for the goyim,' as our parents were perceived to be, we have lost our Jewish soul."

"We have left Bubba's steamy kitchen, where [the] community found its strength in the intimacy of family around the table."

"We have myopically come to

equate Judaism with fundraising and fundraising with Judaism without examining the values that make fundraising so vital to our survival and understanding it as a self-imposed tax."

Chisvin said the two "most seminal" events in Jewish history — the Holocaust and the creation of the State of Israel — "have become a device for parlaying guilt and pride into the fundraising rationale."

"To the young, the death and resurrection theme of Holocaust and statehood are negative experiences in sustaining a will to remain Jewish," he said.

Chisvin praised those attending for understanding the positive aspects of Jewish life. "But what about the other half of our population, [those] who are opting out because they don't know

why they should be Jewish?"

"For them," he said, "we must play out the mystery, romance, drama and majesty of Jewish history. We must reveal the enthralling insights and special sensitivities of Jewish thought."

Deserving the highest priority in the community is Jewish education, he said. "But its cost is increasing in an uncontrollable manner, imposing massive debt on our educational institutions, while tuition fees become untenable."

Chisvin did not dodge problems in the community. He said family violence, violence against women, sexual abuse and substance abuse "are no less Jewish problems than [in] secular society. We have a moral imperative as Jews to deal with these problems in a communal way."

Changing family patterns, an aging

population and rootlessness from ever-increasing mobility are other concerns for the community, he stated.

## Steve Ain recognized for dedication

Chisvin admitted to a "recurring nightmare: that one morning, we will wake up to discover that communities, like commercial enterprises, can suddenly find themselves insolvent."

The meeting paid tribute to JFGT ex-

ecutive director Steve Ain, who will step down next month to take over running United Israel Appeal of Canada.

Community leader Kurt Rothschild was awarded the Ben Sadowski Award of Merit for his activities with federation and United Jewish Appeal.

CJN sales representative Gloria Clamen and lawyer Sheldon Disenhouse received Leadership Development Awards for their myriad volunteer efforts.

Lay leaders honored with the Shem Tov Award were Donald Bennett of the Board of Jewish Education; Allen Ender of Jewish Information Service; Morrie Latchman of Toronto Jewish Free Loan Cassa; Ruth Margles of Senior Care; Judy Noyek of Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto and Fred Tittel of the Jewish Community Centre.

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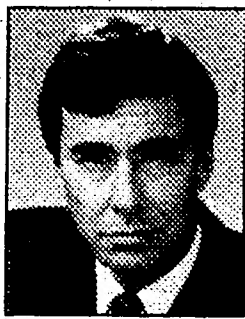
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## Organizations and People

# Ethiopian Jews facing adjustments in new life

By MYRON LOVE

### WINNIPEG —

Prof. Gadi Ben-Ezer is one of the world's foremost experts in the culture of Ethiopian Jews and their adjustment problems in Israel. The Ben-Gurion University psychologist has studied Ethiopian Jewish culture for ten years and has visited Ethiopia several times.

He developed the Israel Defence Force's plan for absorption of Ethiopian youth and served as chairman of the Committee of Ethiopian Family Reunification up until this year.

Currently a research fellow at Oxford University's refugee studies program, Ben-Ezer was in Winnipeg on May 21-23, under the sponsorship of the Winnipeg Association of Ben-Gurion University, to talk about Ethiopian Jewry.

Speaking to a group of about 100 people at the Shaarey Zedek Synagogue, he concentrated on the culture of the people, the exodus from Ethiopia and the problem of identity in Is-

rael using illustrations from his own case histories.

"Throughout their history," Ben-Ezer said, "Ethiopian Jewry always dreamed of going to Jerusalem, their name for Israel. They believed the Lord would lead them when the time came."

While Jews from all over the world were flocking to the new State of Israel in 1948, the Ethiopian aliyah, Ben-Ezer notes, was delayed by a combination of poor timing and religious and bureaucratic confusion in Israel. The question was one of identity and whether they would be welcomed under the Law of Return.

Although Ben-Ezer pointed out that the rabbinic rulings through the past several hundred years always identified them as full fledged Jews, when Israel's president, Ben-Tzvi, asked the Chief Rabbi his opinion in 1956, his reply was that he would have to look into it.

It wasn't until 1973 that Ethiopians were accepted as Jews under the Law

of Return. By then, a Marxist dictator had overthrown the Emperor Haile Selassie and the doors to emigration had been closed. Some started the long, hard trek to the Sudan. It meant walking hundreds of kilometres, mainly at night, across deserts and malarial swamps, trying to avoid the authorities, guerillas and bands of robbers.

"When it became known in Ethiopia the Jews' ultimate destination was Israel rather than the Sudan, the Ethiopians began seeing them as Israelis in transition," says Ben-Ezer. "The Ethiopians began threatening and pushing out those Jews who stayed behind. It became a mass flight of refugees."

The Ethiopian Jewish refugees experienced much suffering. There were family separations in a people whose sense of family was very strong. Up to 4,000 died in the Sudanese refugee camps. The vision of Israel, the promised utopia, kept their spirits up.

According to Ben-Ezer, the Ethiopian Jewish refugees, especially those from the villages, expected to find a

land of brown-skinned people like themselves, dressed in white, who studied Torah day and night. They had no idea they would have to prepare to earn a living. They saw their exodus as equivalent to the Israelites' wandering in the desert. They thought they were going through a purification process in their suffering to prepare them for the Holy Land.

"The harder the journey got, the more they imagined their shining fantasies," said Ben-Ezer. "The concept of purity was a major component of their beliefs. In Ethiopia, for example, any time a Jew had any contact with a non-Jew, he would have to immerse himself in water to become clean again."

Arriving in Israel, their dreams were not fulfilled. A major difficulty was the continued questioning of their Jewish identity. Ben-Ezer noted that, back in 1983, the then Chief Sephardic Rabbi, Ovadia Joseph, ruled Ethiopian Jews arriving in Israel should go through a ritual conversion process just

to remove all doubts of their Jewishness. Two years later, he changed his mind. The problem was he was no longer chief rabbi and his words no longer carried the same weight.

"Doubts about their identity weaken their ability to cope and call into question their rationale for rejoining the Jewish body," Ben-Ezer said. "It caused a tremendous psychological trauma by questioning the meaning of their own suffering."

In 1985, they began fighting back, he reported. They staged demonstrations and have won the right to be married by their own rabbis. "The question now is what facets of their culture will be saved and which jettisoned," Ben-Ezer said.

"They are in the process now of becoming hyphenated Israelis like Iraqi-Israelis or Bulgarian-Israelis. A social dialogue is taking place. We don't yet know how it will unfold but the Ethiopians are a patient people and the young are adjusting well."

## Youth Aliyah assists in rescuing children

By IDELE ROSS

### ST. CATHARINES, Ont. —

The first residents of Youth Aliyah villages were 5,000 Jewish children from Germany who would have perished under Hitler.

Canada Hadassah-WIZO president, Esther Matlow, addressing the annual Youth Aliyah dinner sponsored by the St. Catharines-Niagara Falls chapter of Hadassah-WIZO, says that Youth Aliyah has come full circle in its sixty years as it is once again rescuing Jewish children from oppressed societies of Ethiopia and the former Soviet Union.

"There are 20,000 Jewish teenagers with exit visas in the Commonwealth of Independent States who are coming to Israel without their parents. They are leaving because of the unstable political climate there," she says.

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## Organizations and People

# Raab donates pool to Israel community

By REUVEN ROSENFELDER

### JERUSALEM —

Israel's 44th "Yom Ha'atzmaut," Independence Day, recently provided fine timing for the dedication ceremony of a community swimming pool in Atlit, a small coastal city south of Haifa.

The new pool was made possible through a donation by Alexandre Raab, a committed Jew and strong supporter of Israel, who lives near Toronto.

Raab and his wife, Jeannine, were warmly received by local residents at the dedication. Also participating was Raab's brother, Ernest, a sculptor and two sisters, Lily and Clara.

Israel's Minister of Police, Ronnie Milo greeted them on behalf of the Israel government.

The Atlit pool is named in memory of Mordecai Schwartz, born in the city where Alex Raab grew up — Komarno, by the Danube River in Czechoslovakia.

In 1938, during the time of the British Mandate in Palestine, Schwartz, who had volunteered to serve as a policeman in the Palestine Police, was hanged by the British, following a widely publicized trial.

Taking part in the dedication were Schwartz's two sisters, Ella Fleischman and Miriam Rosenthal, both of whom live in Toronto. A brother, Alex Schwartz, came from Melbourne, Australia, for the occasion.

Fleischman said: "Alex Raab, as a youth in Komarno, had a close relationship with my parents and my brother Mordecai. What he is doing today honors my brother's memory. It's very meaningful and deeply appreciated."

Fleischman came to Canada in 1942. She is active in the Jewish community of Toronto and was a founder of the Leah Chapter of Hadassah. She serves as president of the Chapter, with 60 members

who are Holocaust survivors. She and her husband Joseph have a daughter living in Jerusalem and three Israeli grandchildren.

Atlit's residents (among them Russian olim) has a long history, dating back to the Middle Ages, when the Crusaders built a fortress at the coastline.

The British established a detention camp in Atlit to detain Holocaust survivors who were caught by Navy ships in the attempt to find haven on the shores of Eretz-Israel. It was known as "illegal immigration."

After the establishment of the State of Israel, the same camp was converted into a "Ma'abara," to provide temporary housing for people who came on mass immigration.

Mordecai Schwartz, a Zionist since youth, came on aliyah in 1933. He joined the Haganah, and responded to a call by Jewish leaders at the time to volunteer to the British police, in order to have a Jewish presence on the force. He was assigned by the British to the police station in Atlit.

He soon got into conflict with an Arab policeman, a known gang member who would boast about raping Jewish women and killing Jews. During a fight, Schwartz shot and killed him.

He was sentenced to death. There was a public campaign to have the sentence commuted. Fleischman recalls how she went from Czechoslovakia to England at the time, in an effort to petition the British Government. But to no avail.

And so a circle was closed in Atlit on Independence Day. In the town where Mordecai Schwartz was stationed nearly 60 years ago, his memory will remain alive through a public facility, donated by a person from the same town in Europe. The Raab brothers say he was an inspiration. His example gave them the courage to join the underground and credit him with their survival.



J. Stephen Lipper (left), national president, Canadian Friends of the Hebrew University, recently presented Alexandre Raab with the Scopus award, the university's highest honor, at a tribute dinner. [Graphic Artists photo]

## Yom Yerushalayim marked with giant Winnipeg picnic

By MYRON LOVE

### WINNIPEG —

Young Jewish Winnipeggers celebrated Yom Yerushalayim this year in an Israeli way — with a giant picnic in Assiniboine Park.

The community's regular celebration — this year an evening at the Rosh Pina Synagogue featuring Itzhak Shelef, Israel's ambassador to Canada, and Elaine Goldstein, president of the Jerusalem Foundation of Canada — attracted the usual wide community support. A group of Young Leadership divisions of local Jewish organizations decided to join together, however, and sponsor a program for younger people and young families.

"Bob Lapidus, our executive director, is Israeli," says Marty Bricker, a member of the P&B (Professional and Business) Division of the Winnipeg chapter of the Canadian Friends of the Hebrew University. "He said the Israeli style would be to have an informal picnic to celebrate the day."

Bricker took the lead in organizing the picnic, the first time all the Young Leadership groups have worked together on a project. Joining Bricker on the organizing committee were Allan Shpeller, representing the Winnipeg Jewish Community Council's Leadership Training program, Marty Morantz of the Jewish National Fund's Young Leadership Division, Chaim Berkowitz, also representing the WJCC, Fred Rutman, Combined Jewish Appeal-Young Leaders of Tomorrow, and Neil Stern of Ben-Gurion University Young Associates. The group only came together at the end of March.

Bricker reports 170 people attended the picnic and participated in sports events and Israeli dancing. For the children, there was also face painting and other activities. He notes the Rosh Pina's USY group was especially helpful in organizing the games and contests.

"It was wonderful seeing all of our groups working together," Bricker says. "In the future, hopefully we will get together to sponsor more community wide events. It makes for a nice cohesiveness."

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We also wish to recognize the many who staffed the checkpoints and other volunteers who, when they got up in the morning and saw a cloudy, rainy day, didn't stay in bed.

While our Walkers were busy along the route, volunteers heated up barbecues in the rain as Moishe and Jodi Gottesman, Celebration co-chairs, cheered on.

For those who managed to complete the Walk, festivities were taking place under the shelter of the Lipa Green building. Our closing celebration featured Oren David and Monty

Qwinter. A hand-painted telegram was presented to Mr. David in honor of the 25th anniversary of Jerusalem's reunification.

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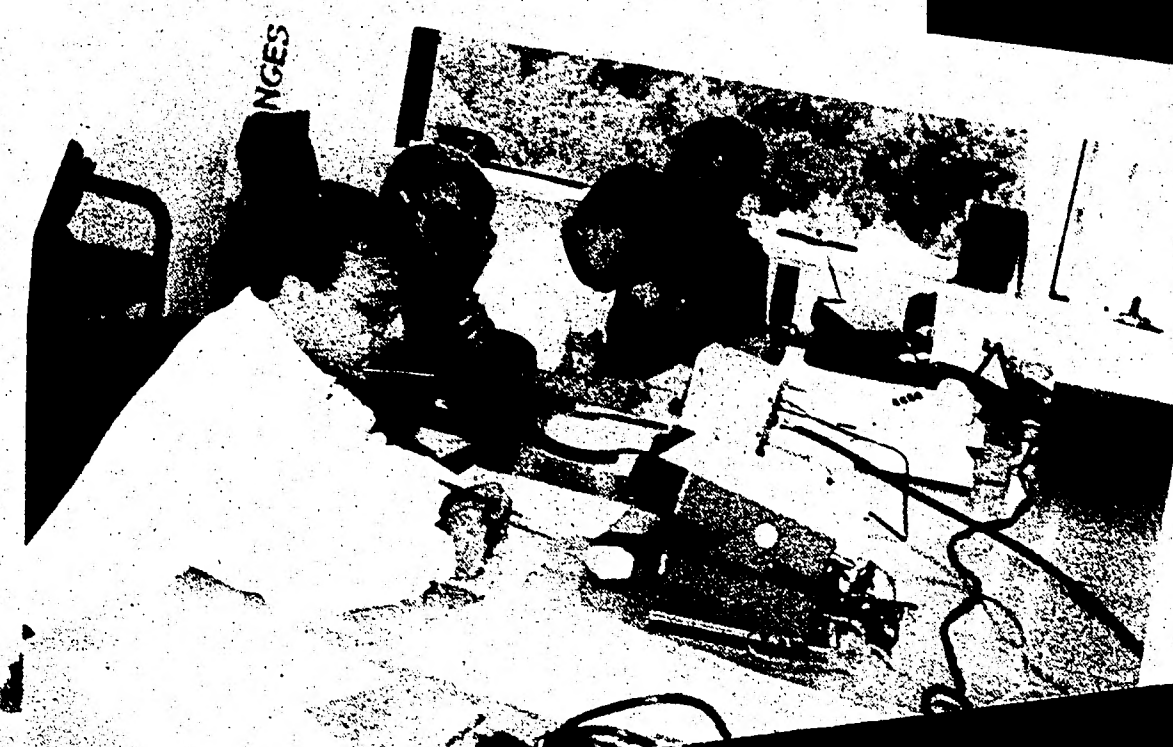
We tip our Walk for Israel hats to B'nai Brith Youth Organization's teens, who marched and chanted their slogans from checkpoint to checkpoint together. And speaking of marching, those teens who just returned from the March of the Living added a special significance to this year's Walk. Netivot and B'nei Akiva, your presence was felt and was really appreciated! And to Reena, whose participants (over 100 of them) endured to the very end, Kol Hakavod! We certainly are proud of you.

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Judy Shulman







Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto

United Jewish Appeal/Operation Exodus

Jack Chisvin, President

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## Reena participants shine through despite downpour on UJA Walk

**UNITED JEWISH APPEAL** -- By the time they reached the next-to-last check point, the rain really started coming down. One dad asked his daughter if she wanted to quit. But the young girl looked around at the Reena clients on the UJA/Operation Exodus Walk for Israel and she knew she just had to keep going.

That was just one illustration of the determination of Reena Foundation clients, as told by Lori Scheim, Reena's Judaic advisor.

"When we got to the checkpoint at Associated [Hebrew Day Schools], one of the clients turned to me and said,

"This is the first year that I ever walked," continues Scheim. "He was so proud that he was contributing money. He said, 'Next year, I'm going to do it again and I'm going to walk the whole way'.

We were so moved by that."

Although the skies opened on the United Jewish Appeal/Operation Exodus Walk for Israel, and many walkers were soaked to the skin, Reena's participating walkers did not let a little rain dampen their spirits. According to Scheim, this year's walk event was the first time that a concerted effort was made to have all the developmentally handicapped Reena clients actively participate in the largest annual event of Toronto's Jewish community.

Last year, Reena sponsored a checkpoint for the first time, recalls Scheim.

"There were a number of clients and Reena people that did walk, but this year, our aim was to have all our clients -- from the most high-functioning to the most high-need -- join together with the rest of the community to actually get

sponsors and be a part of the walk," she says.

The Reena clients began their walk at Beth Avraham Yosef Tanenbaum (BAYT) Congregation in Thornhill.

"From the Bernard Betel Centre to the checkpoint at Associated Hebrew Day Schools, it was steady rain," says Scheim. "A lot of able-bodied people quit. But the group of Reena people said, 'There's one more check point to go. Let's do it'."

When the entire group crossed the finish line, one message was in their minds, she says -- "We

made it. Reena contributed to the ruach and spirit of what the community effort is all about," she explains. "It's about all of the Jewish community coming together in force and in support: both



the able and the disabled." Scheim also points out that the planning that went into Reena's contribution to the Walk for Israel included a pooling of resources with the Community Hebrew Day School (CHAT).

Just prior to the walk, Reena organized a UJA/Operation Exodus pizza/pep rally at CHAT, which attracted a crowd of 200. UJA/Operation Exodus movie was screened.

The walk event was not just an isolated case of participation for Reena, Scheim notes.

"It's part of an overall effort to have clients be an active part of the Jewish community."

A UJA/Operation Exodus appreciation night is being planned by Reena. And, she assures, the walkers will be back, rain or shine, next year. □



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Judy Shulman**  
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*from the 1992 Walk for Israel co-chairs*



# Organizations and People



## What's New

By  
MIRIAM HERMAN

### DEADLINE REMINDER

Please note these deadline changes for What's New and About People due to the fact that we are not publishing the issues of July 2, July 16 and Aug. 6, and that the offices will be closing for a vacation period during the week of July 6:

Thursday, June 25, is deadline for July 9 issue and also material that would ordinarily appear in the July 16 issue.

Thursday, July 2, is deadline for July 23 issue.

Thursday, July 16, is deadline for July 30 issues as well as Aug. 6 issue.

### Thursday, June 18

#### LITERARY AWARDS

The book committee of the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto invites you to attend the annual literary awards presentation with guest speaker Morley Torgov, lawyer and author of *Lawyers and Literature*, who is one of the prize winners. Other prize winners are Rachel Fedhay Brenner, Rabbi Gedalia Felder (posthumous), Drs. Karolina and Andrzej Jus, Peretz Miransky and Sam Simchovitch.

This event is co-sponsored by the Holocaust Remembrance Committee. The time is 8 p.m. at the Lipa Green Building, 4600 Bathurst St., conference centre, 4th floor. Admission is free.

### Saturday, June 20

#### FATHER'S DAY SHABBAT

Adath Sholom Synagogue Brotherhood is presenting a special Father's Day Shabbat conducted by Cantor Martin Rosenblum at 9 a.m. with featured guest speaker Metro councillor Norm Gardner. The address is 864 Sheppard Ave. W.

### Sunday, June 21

#### STASHOVER LANDSMANSHAFT

The Stashover Landsmanshaft, on the occasion of the 80th anniversary of the Stashover Hills Ferein in Toronto, is holding a celebration at 6:30 p.m. at Adath Sholom Synagogue, 864 Sheppard Ave. W. Proceeds of the event will benefit needy people in the hometown of Stashov.

After the Holocaust, Stashovers assisted Jewish survivors in emigrating to Israel and other destinations. After the establishment of the State of

Israel, support was mainly concentrated on helping Stashovers in Israel.

For reservations, contact Mr. A. Bulwa, Stashover Landsmanshaft president, at 638-0721.

#### QUEBEC AND INDEPENDENCE

The United Jewish People's Order (UJPO) is holding a conference on the topic What Happens If Quebec Chooses Independence? The speakers include Judy Rebeck, president, National Action Committee on the Status of Women, and Gordon Lefebvre, Montreal trade unionist and vice-president of Quebec Independence Movement, plus two other guests.

The time is 1 p.m. at the Winchevsky Centre, 585 Cranbrook Ave. Admission is \$5 (\$2 for the unwaged) and the public is invited.

#### CANADA FROM RICHES TO RUIN

North York Mayor Mel Lastman will be speaking on Canada From Riches to Ruin at the Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am Brotherhood breakfast meeting at 9:30 a.m. at the synagogue. Everyone is welcome. Breakfast is \$3.50.

#### CONGREGATION KESHET SHALOM

Congregation Keshet Shalom (Rainbow of Peace), a congregation for Jewish gays, lesbians and bisexual Jews, is holding a discussion forum on Lesbian and Gay Pride Day: How Do You Feel About It? at 2 p.m. (doors open at 1:45) at 117 Gerrard St. E. For information, call 925-1408.

#### RIGHT WING WOMEN

A discussion of Right Wing Women by Andrea Dworkin will be part of the meeting of the North York chapter, Older Women's Network, taking place at 1:45 p.m. OWN is a feminist advocacy group. For more information, call 423-4674 or 493-3382.

### Monday, June 22

#### RIGHTS, FREEDOM & TOLERANCE

Ohr Somayach/JEP is presenting a videotaped lecture by Rabbi Dale Gottlieb, lecturer at Ohr Somayach in Jerusalem, on the subject Rights, Freedom and Tolerance. The time is 8 p.m. at 2939 Bathurst St. For information, call 785-5899.

#### LA LECHE LEAGUE

La Leche League of North Bathurst is presenting Nutrition and Weaning, the last in the series of four monthly meetings. Discussion will focus on starting solids, discipline, weaning and other issues. The meeting takes place at 8 p.m. at 157 Glenmanor Way, Thornhill. For information, call Ruth at 736-1758 or Joyce at 881-8779 or Robin at 886-8364 or Karen at 221-7002.

### Tuesday, June 23

#### AFTERNOON TEA

Givatayim chapter of Toronto ORT invites you to an afternoon tea with special Latin-American entertainment from 1:30-3:30 p.m. in the party room at 400 Walmer Rd., West Tower. For information, call 223-9234 or 782-8071.

#### BAYCREST TERRACE YARD SALE

Baycrest Terrace is holding a yard sale of furniture, plants, food (sandwiches, salads, cold drinks available downstairs at the convenience store), from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Terrace outside, 55 Ameer Ave. Rain date is Thursday, June 25. All proceeds will go to support Baycrest Centre.

#### SISTERHOOD LUNCHEON

Shaarei Shomayim Sisterhood's luncheon features a musical afternoon with Fern Dworkin. The luncheon is at 12:30 p.m. at the synagogue. Reserve by calling Ruth Fruitman at 731-6660 or Rose Mintz at 633-7190.

#### DOLLAR DAZE AUCTION

Members of Aquarius chapter, B'nai Brith Women of Canada, are once again co-ordinating their efforts for the annual auction to be held at Adath Sholom Synagogue, 864 Sheppard Ave. W. The silent auction starts at 6:30 p.m. and merchandise tables and the live auction begin at 8 sharp. Admission is \$3.

Proceeds will go to support the many community services and BBW/C projects.

#### MORNING STUDY GROUP

The Holy Blossom Temple Tuesday Morning Study Group will focus on Grain and Other Good Things with food scientist Debbie Gurfinkel. The group meets at 9:45 a.m. at the temple. Babysitting is available. Call Rhonda at 663-3812.

### Wednesday, June 24

#### JEWISH GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

At the Jewish Genealogical Society of Canada meeting several members will present their Polish research. The time is 7:30 p.m. at Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue. For information, call Peter Cullman at 964-2196 (days) or 756-7856 (evenings).

#### A JEWISH GIRL IN POLITICS

Forest Hill Place, Retirement Residence will welcome Elinor Caplan, MPP, who will speak on What's A Nice Jewish Girl Doing in Politics? at 2 p.m. at 645 Castlefield Ave. Admission is free and early reservations are requested. Contact Marlene White at 785-1511.

#### ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

The To Life Group of Alcoholics Anonymous meets weekly on Wednesdays at 8 p.m. at Kehillat Shaarei Torah, 2640 Bayview Ave. For more information, call Rabbi Steven Cohen at 229-2600.

### Thursday, June 25

#### ABOUT DIABETES

Forest Hill Place, Retirement Residence, 645 Castlefield Ave., is presenting Breakthroughs in Technology for Diabetes in the '90s. The time is 2 p.m. and admission is free. Reserve by calling Marlene White at 785-1511.

## And What Else Is New...

#### NCSY HAPPENINGS

NCSY (National Conference of Synagogue Youth) is holding its closing barbecue Monday, June 29, at 6:30 p.m. at the home of past president Avrami Rosen, 436 Glengrove Ave. There is no charge but donations are suggested. Anyone interested should call the regional office at 782-4426.

Also, NCSY's national convention takes place June 25-28 at the Ramada Renaissance Tower Centre, East Brunswick, N.J. Hundreds of participants from throughout the United States and Canada will enjoy a number of exciting educational and recreational programs. As well, the event will conclude with a gala awards banquet. There is limited space for transportation from Toronto, so if you are interested, contact the office immediately at 782-4426.

#### DINNER AIDS HUNGARIAN SCHOOL

On Sunday, June 28, a gala dinner is being held in support of a Jewish school in Budapest. Albert Reichmann is chairman of the dinner, which will take place at the Inn on the Park at 6:30 p.m. Guests of honor are Ed Mirvish and Norman Gardner.



### ORT FUND

Toni Silberman and Judge Sam Filer, seen above with daughter Jaime, recently established the Ontario Men's ORT Silberman Filer Perpetual Scholarship endowment fund. Scholarships from this Endowment Fund will be granted annually to ORT Israel students from Ethiopia.

Proceeds will go to a Jewish school which was established almost 100 years ago at 44 Wessely St. in Budapest and re-established at the same location as the American Endowment School in 1990. This privately-funded school, currently with a student body of 530 boys and girls ages 6-16, offers courses in English, Judaism, the arts and sciences.

For further information regarding the dinner, call Tibor Fischer at 533-9002.

#### ALL THE RIGHT SUMMER MOVES

Dance and more — there's Funk and Groove, Break and Rap, Jazz, Latin and Tap. For your ultimate experience in summer dance, look at the excellent evening program offered at the Koffler Centre Dance Studios. To get the scoop, to sign up in time, pick up your phone and dial 631-5659.

#### REENA PAL-UNTEERS

If you are looking for a rewarding opportunity to enhance someone's life, then you may be interested in becoming a direct service volunteer with the Reena Foundation. The Reena Foundation is a non-profit social service agency providing services to individuals 18 years and older with developmental disabilities.

Pal-unteer is the phrase the Foundation uses to describe its volunteers. By adopting a pal, you may help people who are developmentally handicapped learn important basic values such as trust, friendship and caring.

For more information, call Arlene Margolese, co-ordinator of Volunteer Services, at 787-0131.

#### ISRAELI FOLKDANCE CLASSES

Intermediate Israeli folkdance classes with Teme Kernerman start Monday, June 22, from 8:30-10 p.m. in Room 201 at the Jewish Community Centre North Y branch, 4588 Bathurst St. The fee is \$4.25 per class. (Soft-soled shoes please). For information, call Teme or Elaine at 636-1880, ext. 364 or 273.

#### TEL-AIDE JEWISH DISTRESS LINE

Lonely? Did a relationship just break up? Trouble at work? Perhaps a Tel-Aide volunteer could be a friend for a while. Do call. They'll listen.

Sensitive listeners are on duty now at Tel-Aide: the Jewish Distress Line at 636-9610. All Tel-Aide volunteer listeners have taken an extensive training course and are well qualified to listen. Tel-Aide is a program of the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto.

#### SUMMER STAGE PROGRAM

Have a creative and dramatic July at the Leah Posluns Theatre School. Register now for the Summer Stage program — acting, improvisation, voice, mask and mime and more! Classes will run weekdays, July 2-29, from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Courses for children and teens are available with the very best theatre professionals. Call 636-1880, ext. 287/298.

#### HEBREW SCHOOL IN NEWMARKET

Or Hadash Hebrew School, Newmarket, is now taking registration for the fall classes. For more information, call Lori Cohen at 898-7506 or fax 898-2924.

#### BOOKS NEEDED

Do something about your overloaded book shelves now, before you leave for the cottage. Donate all those books you no longer want to the annual University College Book Sale at the University of Toronto. Also wanted are books

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### TOUCH OF TRADITION

At the recent Canadian Jewish Congress 23rd National Plenary Assembly residents of Baycrest Centre's Jewish Home for the Aged (JHA) provided a touch of tradition and community spirit. For the delegates attending the Friday evening supper, Congress arranged to have the tables set in the traditional Shabbat manner. The JHA's arts and crafts program was commissioned to provide 50 hand-painted challah covers. JHA residents Ida Farber (left) and Lilly Zweigman admire their painting technique as they work to finish the covers in time for the convention.



## Organizations and People

## What's New

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of Jewish interest and thought — last year's Judaica section was a big success! Call the alumni office at 978-2968 for a pickup.

## JERUSALEM PAVILION '92

Be sure to visit Jerusalem Pavilion '92 during Caravan week, June 20-27, and enjoy Israeli entertainment, kosher Israeli delicacies, traditional marketplace (shuk), creative designs and decorations. Sponsored by B'nai Brith Canada, it is located at the Jewish Community Centre Bloor Y, 750 Spadina Ave. (at Bloor).

Pavilion schedule is Saturday, June 20 and 27, Motzei Shabbat to 1 a.m.; Sunday 3-11 p.m.; Monday-Thursday 6-11 p.m. Closed Friday. To purchase entrance passports for all of Caravan's 36 pavilions or for more information, call 633-6224.

## BBW/C NEW CHAPTER

Spring is traditionally a time for new beginnings, so come begin with B'nai Brith Women Canada. The first meeting of the new chapter sparked enthusiasm and excitement. If you are interested in getting involved in the Jewish community and meeting women in your area with similar interests, BBW/C has a place for you. So get in on the ground floor and become part of the new chapter forming in central Toronto.

For details, call Eileen Fields at 630-9313.

## SENIORS HELPING SENIORS

Join the Seniors Helping Seniors team and become a volunteer group leader. You will be trained to teach small groups of seniors about healthy living. Topics include Home Safety, Safety in the Community and How To Get the Health and Social Services You Need.

If you are 55 or older, enjoy meeting new people, and are looking for a volunteer experience offering challenge and excitement, join Seniors Helping Seniors today.

Seniors Helping Seniors is a project of Senior Care (Community Services to Jewish Elderly) and is funded by Health and Welfare Canada. For more information, call Arnold Foss at 635-2860.

## HOLOCAUST DOCUMENTATION

If you are a survivor who spent the war in Nazi-occupied Europe, whether in the camps, in hiding, passing as a non-Jew, or in the resistance, the documentation project committee of the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto would like to record your story on videotape for the archives. You will receive a copy of your testimony.

For further information and an application form, call 635-2883, ext. 153.

## MACCABI BASKETBALL TRYOUTS

Regional tryouts for the Canadian Men's Maccabi Basketball Team will be held Saturday evening, June 20, and Sunday afternoon, June 21, at the Jewish Community Centre Bloor Y branch, 750 Spadina Ave. (at Bloor). For information, call Allen Gerskup at 512-7799.

## for seniors

York Region Senior Games, a program of recreational activities for adults 55 and over, residents of York Region, conclude Friday, June 19, at noon, at Maple Community Centre with a closing ceremony and banquet for all participants. The Games, which opened June 8, were hosted by the City of Vaughan. Winners will proceed to Hamilton in August for the Ontario Provincial Competitions.

LZA Seniors Club members are looking forward to the forthcoming trip to the Catskills July 26. There are still a few seats available. Register now for the Showboat Tour of the Thousand Islands, Monday, Aug. 24. The Dance Group continues through the summer on Tuesdays at 1 p.m. and the Cultural Discussion Group meets Tuesday mornings at 10. The next luncheon meeting, Wednesday, June 24, at 11:30 a.m., will celebrate Father's Day. All activities take place at the Borochoy Cultural Centre, 272 Codsell Ave.

The Wagman Centre Self-Help Widows Group, 55 years of age and over, meets every other Sunday to help each other deal with mourning and adjust to loss. The meetings provide a supportive environment where group members can share experiences and make new friends. The next meeting is June 21 from 1-2:30 p.m. in the library of the Wagman Centre, 55 Ameer Ave. Group co-ordinator is Toby Warsh. For more information, call Paula David at 789-5131, ext. 2271.

Earl Bales Seniors' Club upcoming events include a variety show, Thursday, June 18, from 7-10 p.m. (refreshments); Sunday, June 21, Father's Day dinner and dance from 7-11 p.m.

with full-course kosher chicken dinner; a movie Wednesday, June 24, at 2 p.m.; beach picnic and party at Port Dalhousie, Tuesday, July 7; Cat-skill trip to the Raleigh Hotel (under New York Kashruth Commission), July 19-24; trip to Buffalo, Sept. 8; day trips for members (\$5). For more details, call 636-7856.

Shaarei Shomayim Friendship Club events include Catskill trip to the Homowack Hotel July 20-28 (\$860 all inclusive); Art Park to see *West Side Story*, Aug. 13; Shaw Festival for *Pygmalion*, Oct. 28; cruises to Fenelon Falls, July 13 and Peterborough Locks, Aug. 27. For details on these and other events, call Lena at 785-5773 or Ruth at 224-5923. Remember the Golden Book to mark special occasions. Your donations go to Laniado Hospital in Israel. Call Dorothy Bloomfield at 787-1526.

Join the Young at Heart Seniors deluxe trip to the Catskills at the Pines Hotel (under New York State kosher law), July 19-28 for only \$890 including deluxe medical insurance. Partners available. Call Helen at 462-0258 days or 635-6343 after 7 p.m.

At the Wagman Centre, the Wellness Education Group is presenting Pain and Stress Relief Day on Wednesday, June 24, from 1-3 p.m. with demonstrations of acupuncture (Dr. Paul Saunders), massage therapy (Grace Chan), reflexology (Jim Baker), and shiatsu therapy (Joel Strauss and Dale McLean). Register by June 23 at the Wagman Centre office 789-5131, ext. 2267. Pianists Shaya and David Petroff will perform Sunday, June 21 from 2-3 p.m. The Tuesday evening program June 23 features Honey Novick and Diane Peller in a program of classical Yiddish folk music from 7:30-8:30.

Sunshine Seniors, 55 Plus, invites you to enjoy a day away on Thursday, July 9, to the Ashton Villa Resort in the Muskoka Lakes with full-course sit-down lunch and planned activities, and also on Thursday, Aug. 6, the dancing waterfalls at Ancaster Mill with buffet lunch and visit to Mary Maxim's in Paris, Ont., plus more. For information on these and other upcoming events, call Sylvia at 730-0503.

Thursday is seniors' day at North York Community House, 3101 Bathurst St. There are fitness classes 10-11 a.m. (in co-operation with North York Parks and Recreation), current events discussions 11 a.m. to noon (in co-operation with North York Board of Education), and lectures, bingo, bridge, other games 1-3 p.m. For information, call 784-0920.

The Travel Club has arranged a trip to the Finger Lakes, N.Y., July 10-12 with all meals, Mark Twain Festival, dinner cruise and more, and to Chautauqua, N.Y. Aug. 22-23 to see Shirley Jones. For more information, call Bernice at 633-7034 or Edith at 638-3652.

Join the Good Age Club at the Jewish Community Centre Bloor Y branch every Thursday from 2-4 p.m. for a variety of programs. Coffee and bagels are served. Annual fee is \$10 plus \$1 weekly charge. Call Luni at 924-6211 for information.

## CENTRE FOR CREATIVE LIVING

The Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living is located at 1003 Steeles Ave. W. The phone number is 225-2112.

This is a reminder to celebrate Canada Day at the centre and enjoy all the special events on Sunday, June 28, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Admission is free.

A Father's Day dessert party with entertainment by Lillian Keltz is set for Wednesday, June 24, at 1:30 p.m. Charge is \$3 members, \$4 non-members.

The Friendship Circle is presenting an evening of music with The Mother and Child Band, Thursday, June 25, at 7 p.m. Refreshments will be served. Everyone is welcome. The fee is \$4 members, \$5 non-members. Purchase tickets at the information desk. Proceeds will go to the centre.

The movie *High Society* will be screened Sunday, June 21, at 2:30 p.m. No charge for members, \$1 non-members.

Enjoy a relaxing Sunday lunch with friends and family at the Betel Bistro Cafe. Cafeteria hours are 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Hot lunch is served from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Price is \$4.50 members, \$7.50 non-members.

## at the JCC

The Jewish Community Centre Bloor Y branch's Summer Fun Camp has limited spaces available for ages 4½-10. The camp offers four 2-week sessions. For a brochure, call 924-6211.

Twentysomething Downtowners (ages 24-35) meets for monthly programs at the Bloor Y. To find out about upcoming events or to get on the mailing list, call Luni at 924-6211.

A reminder that the JCC North Y branch is arranging a cruise of the 30,000 Islands, Tuesday, Aug. 18. The price is \$25 members, \$28 non-members. Purchase tickets at the front desk. For further details, contact Teme at 636-1880, ext. 364.

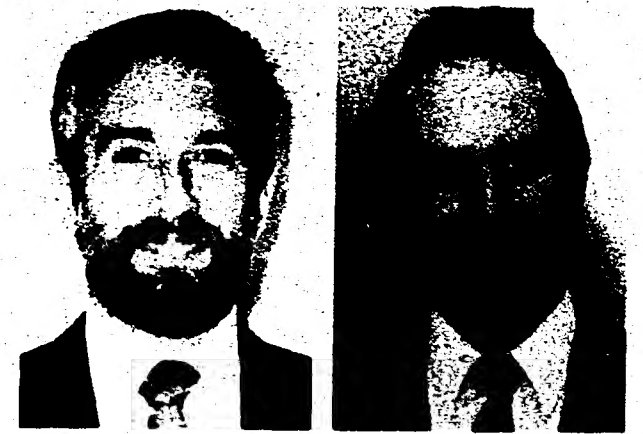
## About People

## SHAAREI TEFILLAH BROTHERHOOD

The new 1992/93 slate of officers of Shaarei Tefillah Brotherhood is headed by Haskell Bahar, president, with Ed Van Der Stuis, first vice-president; Andrew Kohn, second vice-president; Alex Hecht, treasurer, and David Gelberman, secretary. Gerry Papoff is immediate past president.

## ANTI-RACISM ADVISORY GROUP

Minister of Citizenship Elaine Ziemba has announced the appointment of 18 men and women to the newly-created Ontario Anti-Racism Advisory Working group. Among the appointees are Bernie Farber, associate director, Community



Simon Adler

Bernie Farber

Relations, Canadian Jewish Congress and chairman of the North York Committee for Community, Race and Ethnic Relations, and lawyer Simon Adler of Kitchener, who served as co-chairman of the Ontario region, League for Human Rights of B'nai Brith Canada, and who presently is a member of the BBC board of governors and of Black-Jewish Dialogue of Metro Toronto.



## CHAT BOARD

CHAT president Bernard Ghert (top left) is pictured above with recently elected board of directors members (from left) Dr. Joseph Berger, Michael Buckstein, David Chaikof, Pnina Spetgang. Seated (from left) Gary Diamond, Dr. Sherryn Levinoff-Roth, Pearl Gryfe, Judy Waldman and Mark Damelin. Missing from picture are Sidney Cooper, Steven Diamond and Dr. Ed Pakes.



## WEIZMANN RECEPTION

At a Weizmann reception honoring Dr. Albert Sabin (seated), inventor of the polio vaccine and advocate of solar energy, are (from left) H. Thomas Beck, chairman of the board and president of the Canadian Society for the Weizmann Institute of Science; James Kay, chairman emeritus; and Morris Kerzner, vice-president.

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# Organizations and People

## ORT to fete Bertha Dermer

By CYNTHIA GASNER

### TORONTO —

The Toronto Organization for Rehabilitation through Training (ORT) will honor Bertha Dermer, one of the community's top professional volunteers, at ORT's 18th anniversary Golden Circle luncheon on July 8 at the Park Plaza Hotel.

The Golden Circle is a project for \$1,000 donors. The honoree is presently the national chairman of this successful project which supports scholarships to the ORT School of Engineering on the campus of the Hebrew University in Jerusalem.

The spirited and ebullient volunteer, who is actively involved in seven fundraising organizations and supports many others, has devoted herself to both service to the community and to her ongoing studies.

Before the war, she studied languages at the University of Chernovitz in Romania. In 1939, a year after her marriage to a lawyer, her husband was recruited by the Red Army and sent to the front. She never heard from him again.

After the Russian victory, she returned to her home town in the province of Bukowina which had been renamed Tchnovitz. From 1946 to 1948, she studied medicine at the University of Vienna. In 1948, Angel Dermer, a cousin, learned that she had survived the war and asked her to come to Bogota, Colombia where he had established a dental laboratory.

She says that although it was hard for her to give up her medical studies, she decided to marry Angel.

Working with her husband, she learned the intricate profession of designing complicated removable bridges for dentures and together Bertha and Angel developed a chain of laboratories throughout Colombia.

Their son Ricardo was born in 1951. At birth he became blue,

couldn't swallow or suck, ran a high temperature and had to be fed with an eye dropper. He was diagnosed as having familial dysautonomia, a rare Jewish genetic disorder of Jews of Eastern Ashkenazi descent. In 1953, their daughter Alicia was born.

Because of the continuing political unrest, in 1962, the Dermers emigrated to Canada and Bertha embarked on her voluntary career working with developmentally handicapped children and for the State of Israel.



Bertha Dermer

On the kitchen wall of her North York home hangs Cicero's words of advice which became her motto: "Live each day as though you are going to die tomorrow; Learn each day as though you are going to live forever."

Despite the need for ongoing medical attention for Ricardo, in 1970, Bertha was encouraged by her daughter who was in medical school, to return to university. She received a BA in languages at the University of Toronto.

In 1981, Bertha became the founding president of the Dysautonomia Foundation Inc. She says she was determined to bring awareness to the

genetic affliction and to raise funds for research in neuro-sciences and clinical care of dysautonomia patients with the hope of ultimately finding the genetic markers and a prenatal test. Last year, as one of the eldest survivors in Canada of this devastating disease, her son Ricardo died.

"The greatest tragedy in our lives was the loss of our precious son Ricardo just two months before his 40th birthday — the grief was unbearable — but life must go on!" As a special fundraising project, the Ricardo Dermer Memorial Fund was established by the Toronto Dysautonomia Foundation to support genetic research in Jerusalem and New York.

From her early days in Canada, Bertha became involved in numerous organizations. She has been a fundraiser for Hadassah-WIZO for three decades and is an executive member of the Women's Division, State of Israel Bonds where she was honored in 1990.

She is active in the Weizmann Institute of Science and was instrumental in establishing the Aser Rothstein Career Development Chair for Genetic Diseases at Weizmann.

Her association with ORT began 30 years ago when she joined Givatayim Chapter. Throughout the decades, she has served in numerous positions including president of Toronto Women's ORT and she is presently an honorary vice-president of Women's Canadian ORT.

Her community involvement includes work with a number of Toronto- and Israel-based hospitals, as well as other groups. The Dermers are members of Temple Sinai and the Freeport Hebrew Congregation in the Bahamas.

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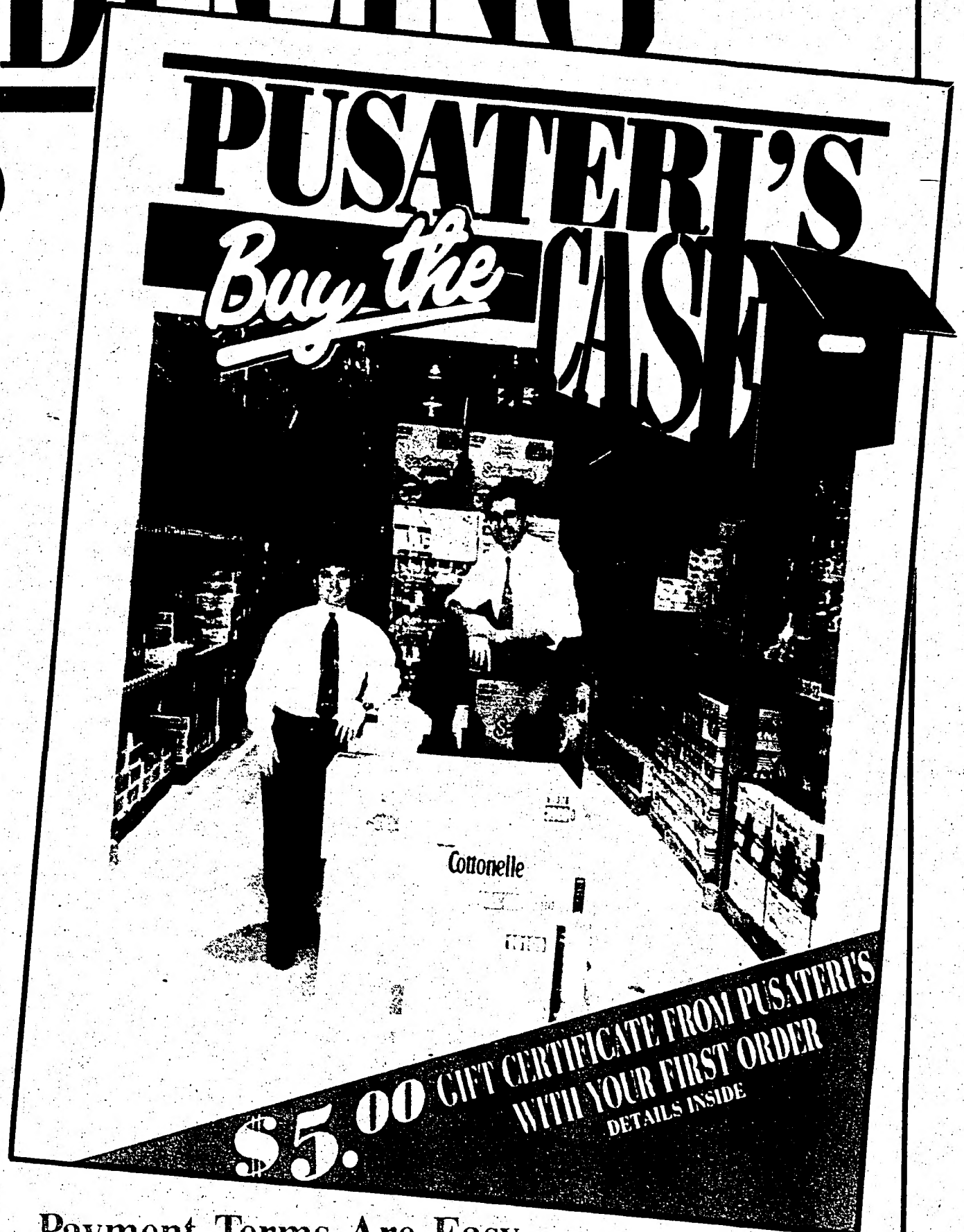
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## Lise Watier shares her secrets of success

By ANITA SZABADI-GOTTESMAN

Lise Watier, 48-year-old founder, president and CEO of the Montreal based Groupe Watier Inc. began her cosmetic empire on May 1, 1972. Now set to celebrate her 20th anniversary as Canada's make-up mogul, Watier has no plans to slow down. She has always been regarded as a leader in the cosmetics industry as well as in Canadian business. With 600 employees operating 500 outlets across Canada, Groupe Watier also has two full-service beauty institutes — one on Montreal's prestigious Laurier Street and one in Quebec City. A Canadian entrepreneur, Watier's contributions were acknowledged country-wide when she was named to the Order of Canada in October 1991. CJN reporter Anita Szabadi-Gottesman interviewed Watier recently in her newly renovated Canadian headquarters in Montreal.

CJN: How has the recession affected Groupe Watier?

Watier: We have all been affected by the recession, but through sound business practice and a little good luck, I will have no problem guiding my company through till the end. Women will not and must not give up beauty and taking care of themselves even during tough times. A new suit may be out of the question, but a new lipstick can re-vamp that old suit.

CJN: What, if any, plans are there for expanding outside Canada?

Watier: With the value of the Canadian dollar quite low, it is now a good time to forge into the United States. Negotiations are underway with U.S. retailers. I am very excited about entering the American market. In France, on the prestigious Fauberge St-Honore in Paris, my new boutique will soon open. Being present with the old guard of French fashion and cosmetic giants will serve to enhance my reputation on the world stage. I recently opened a beauty clinic in Hong Kong.

CJN: What elements make up your line of cosmetics?

Watier: I have a full line of skin-care products marketed under the Soins line as well as Au Soleil sun-care products. Cosmetics are simply the Lise Watier line including all beauty elements such as eye shadow, foundation, lipstick and nail polish. Lise Watier fragrance are Andrade and Ivresse. Prices are mid-range, for example, \$22.50 for a blush-on and \$14.50 for lipstick.

In 1989, I acquired Societe Jacquar — Anne-Marie Cosmetics and Michel Robichaud fragrances. This is a lower priced line. Now I appeal to all Canadian women. My total line is made up of 300 skin care, make-up and perfume products.

CJN: How did you get your start in cosmetics?

Watier: I was always an avid reader, so at 19 I read the autobiography of Helena Rubinstein. The book was so inspiring and I said if she can do it, I can do it. I credit my flair for fashion and style to my mother. While we were not wealthy — my father was a manager in a car dealership and my mother a buyer for a clothing boutique — I was always well-dressed. My mother loved beautiful clothes and accessories and I credit my sense of style to

her. We would go from manufacturer to manufacturer looking for the perfect look and I took it all in.

CJN: Why cosmetics?

Watier: The answer is simple. I wanted to design women's faces just as a couturier designs women's clothes. There was especially a place needed for a Canadian cosmetics leader. At present, 85 percent of the Canadian cosmetics market is held by U.S. multinational companies such as Revlon and Estee Lauder.

I am increasingly becoming a challenger to them. When I began my beauty institute and launched my own line, these large companies paid no attention to me as a serious contender. At first, I was offended, but then I was happy. Their non-attention allowed me to concentrate my efforts on perfecting and expanding my line. It wasn't long before they no longer ignored me.

CJN: What is the most important factor that has contributed to your success?

Watier: Hard work and perseverance of course go without saying, but I think the most important factor is that the quality of my line is my number one priority. I start with the premise that, as I am a relative newcomer to the old standards in the cosmetics industry, a Lise Watier customer was another company's customer first. Through my beauty institutes and carefully trained personnel, customers are counselled and advised to create their special look. The bottom line is that a satisfied customer always comes back.

CJN: You are known to be a fiercely proud Canadian. How does this reflect in your business practice?

Watier: While I am not advocating protectionism, I feel it is very important to buy Canadian. The Canadian community at large needs to be sensitized to the severe economic problems we are trying to ride out. My experience on the Federal Committee on Free Trade and ITAC, the International Trade Advisory Committee, reinforce my beliefs.

While some of my research and development is done in Geneva, France and New York, some formulas are created here. All manufacturing is strictly Canadian. I have 165 Canadian suppliers. We need to recognize the world calibre talent we have home-grown in Canada and use it.

CJN: You are featured in most of your advertisements, most recently in the launching of your Spring 1992 Color collection. How are your marketing campaigns successful?

Watier: We do not use an advertising agency. We do everything in-house. This has always worked for me. I have a sense of trends and colors to direct my various lines towards success. I personally interview women in my beauty institutes and elsewhere. I am interested in incorporating their needs and wants. I do not stay very far away from the user of Lise Watier products.

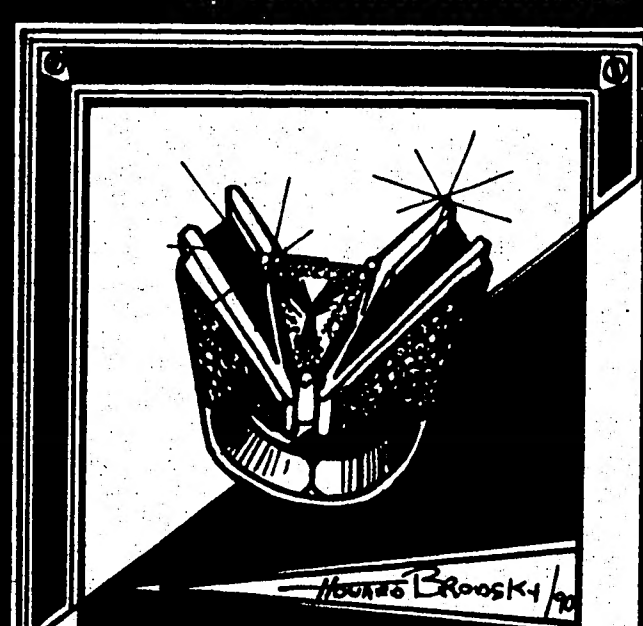
CJN: To that end, how should you sum up your goals for the future?

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## Fashion



By CAROL WISE-RICHMOND  
TORONTO —

Summer is a time to put your feet up and bask in the sunlight. The warmth and the beauty around you is definitely inspiring.

Skin care is most important at this time of the year. You are not as concerned with dryness as you were through the other seasons, however, it is still important to keep your skin moist.

Your creams for the summer months should be lighter in texture, perhaps in a lotion consistency. Your cleansing regime should be kept quite stringent as you want to avoid clogged pores that will result in unwanted blemishes. This is often caused by the increased humidity in the air and warm temperatures that could cause your oil glands to become overactive.

The thinning of the ozone layer is a serious problem. Not only should you wear sunblock outdoors with at least a 15 S.P.F. protection, but you should also try to avoid spending hours in direct sunlight.

Gradual exposure is best, rather than overdoing it for that quick suntan. What you usually achieve is an unattractive sunburn, which is not only uncomfortable, but we now know, very dangerous to your skin.

Makeup this summer will display a full gamut of colors. Bright orange to pale beige lips with earthy tone blush and well-defined eyes will be the overall look this season.

Foundation should be kept at a minimum. A tinted moisturizer is light and effective. In the evening when the temperature drops, a cream

compact applied lightly is best.

Blush-on shades will vary from rose tones to earthy brown. Sometimes, it is nice to use both. Apply brown blush lightly over your whole face. Dust lightly with a rose or a peach shade high on your cheekbones. Blend well!

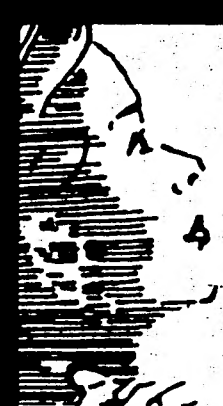
Eyeshadows will be soft shades of pale peach, yellow and beige. Black eyeliner applied close to your lashes will help to define your eyes.

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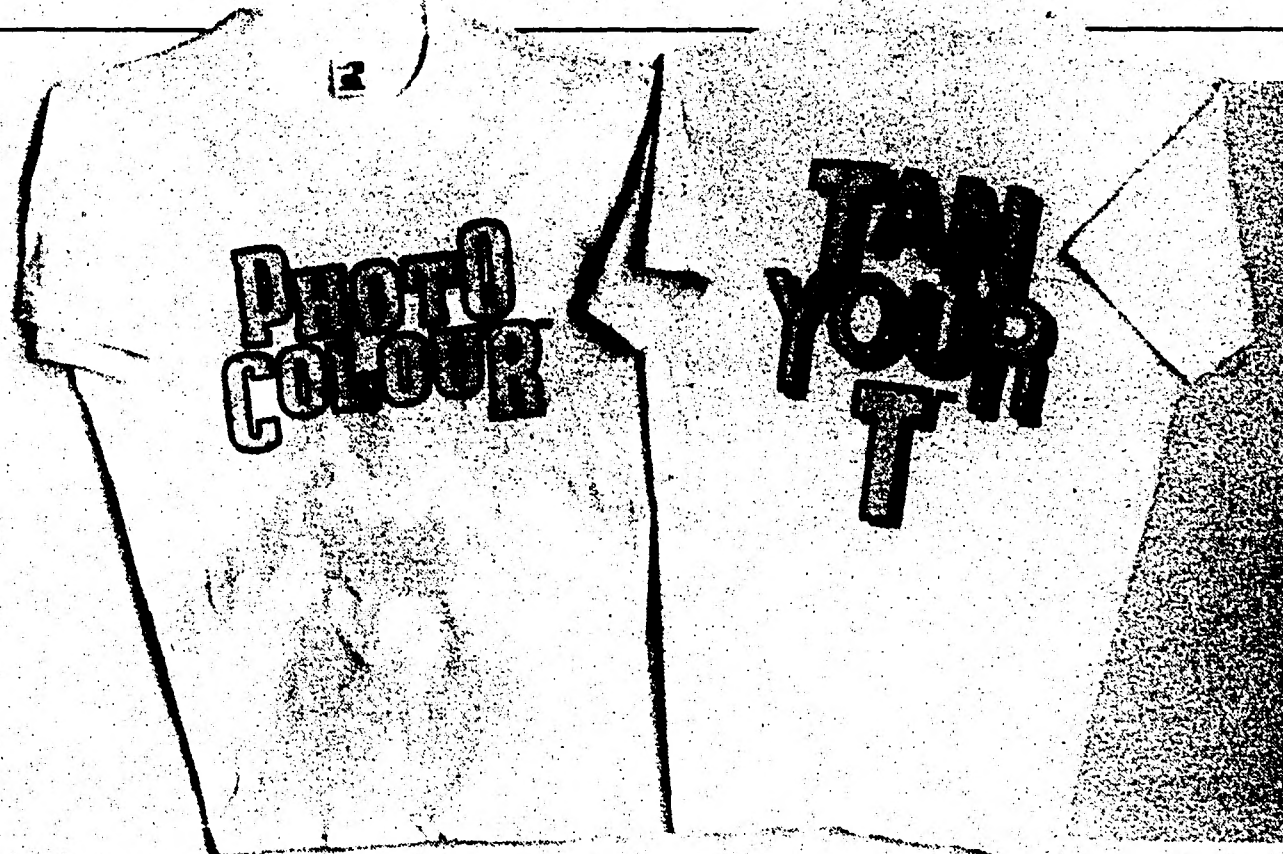
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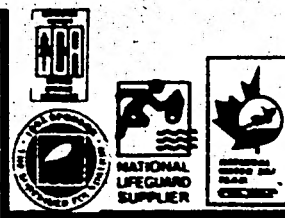
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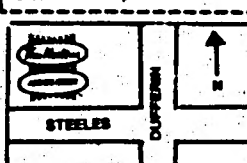
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## Arts

# Amateur singers display considerable talent at festival

By PAULA CITRON

## TORONTO —

Music is inherent within the Jewish soul. The sheer number of amateur singers who choose to spend their leisure time participating in choirs is staggering, and what's more, cuts across all ages. No greater proof that Jews love to sing are the 234 choristers from 12 different choirs who took part in the Jewish Music Festival at Adath Israel Synagogue sponsored by the music committee of the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto.

Presumably, strict guidelines were laid down to each choir about length and number of selections to make the evening manageable, but within this rigid structure, there was a wealth of diversity. Holiday, liturgical, folk, Hebrew, Yiddish and Sephardi were just some of the musical selections represented. Along with traditional songs, there were many modern settings and Toronto composers like Srul Irving Glick and Ben Steinberg were represented among the choices.

Variety also came about because of sound. Large mixed choirs like Glick's Beth Tikvah's Kol Shira with 33 members made a more forceful impact than the sweet voices of the nine all-female Heritage Singers under Edith Narvey Komisar. Some choirs were accompa-

nied by piano, others were a cappella. Some choirs brought along their cantors as soloists while others added instrumentation such as a clarinet and a string quartet. Choirs like Steinberg's Temple Sinai even chose music which gave some of their own singers a chance to be soloists. Kudos go to the programmers who put the choirs together in the best logical order.

The musical selections tended to reflect the conductors themselves. Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda's Charles Heller with his English background included a psalm by the great composer Ralph Vaughan Williams as well as two of his own arrangements of traditional music. Glick had his Kol Shira sing two of his own compositions and Lawrence Glatt was the composer of two numbers performed by his Shaarei Beth-El Choir. Glatt and his choristers traveled all the way from Oakville for the concert.

The most moving moment, for both the writer and the audience, were the joyous voices of 22 young-at-heart pensioners from the Bernard Betel's Creative Choir conducted by Eleanor Ackerman-Rice. Some of these oldsters had to be helped to the podium, but the minute the music began, age disappeared. The men and women sang with such passion and feeling that they brought the house down.

In direct contrast in age were the enthusiastic teen singers from Makhe-lat Reena under Marilyn Birenbaum in their colorful T-shirts. One of their members even played the saxophone during the rousing *Al Hanissim*. Also representing the younger generation were the charming 12 boy sopranos from the Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue Choir who joined their older counterparts in the *Zemer Chorale* for two numbers.

The most ambitious offerings were Brahm Goldhamer's Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am Choir and Ackerman-Rice's Temple Har Zion Choir who accompanied their cantors Moti Zingboim and A. Martin Steinhof respectively in liturgical songs. Steinhof has a sweet restrained sound while Zingboim is all cantorial fire and it was interesting to hear these two groups one after the other.

The Holy Blossom Temple Singers under Benjamin Maissner began the evening and sounded the most polished and professional in their difficult part music as befits the long singing tradition of the synagogue. But equally worthy were the newest kids on the block, as it were. Temple Kol Ami is four years old and their nine-member choir under Anne Berlin was formed only this past winter, but the members sang with an accomplished sound that belies

their newness.

Amy Gilbert did double duty. She deftly led her own Temple Emanu-El Choir in a difficult all-Glick program and then the combined voices of the massed choirs at the end in a Sephardi song and the beautiful *Oseh Shalom* from Steinberg's new evening service.

Apparently, choir members wishing to participate in the finale spent the previous two Sunday mornings rehearsing with Gilbert and almost 100 of them joined together in song.

For this writer, the evening proved that Jewish music is alive and well in Greater Toronto.



ISRAEL BALLET

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# Smirnoff finds new targets

By RON CSILLAG

**TORONTO —** Wayne and Garth, those two heavy-metal headbangers from *Wayne's World*, lament that one reason they're "bummed" at the fall of Communism is because comedian Yakov Smirnoff now has nothing to do.

Yakov Smirnoff begs to differ. "Instead of one Soviet Union to make fun of, I now have 15 republics," the Odessa-born Jewish comic gleefully told *The C/N* in an interview just prior to his June 19 show at the Ontario Science Centre.

Some would argue that Smirnoff, whose stock-in-trade since immigrating to the United States in 1977 has been Soviet Union-bashing, has run out of material now that his homeland has collapsed. Others might say that the current situation in the Commonwealth of Independent States is anything but funny.

But the momentous changes in his birthplace have actually boosted his fortunes, he says, "because people's interest has skyrocketed. We see the serious side on newscasts. Nobody really gives the funny side. So for me, it's been a field day."

The Cold War was kind to Smirnoff, who's now 40. At first, many thought he was a put-on. A comic from the Soviet Union? But the Russian accent, thick as a dollop of sour cream in a bowl of borscht, and the endless stream of wisecracks about



Yakov Smirnoff

life under Leonid Brezhnev, came at a time when Americans needed to laugh at Moscow's expense.

And Smirnoff was only too glad to provide the yuks. Soviet authorities, he would deadpan, let him leave with four things they didn't break: his arms and legs. There is a credit card in the Soviet Union — Russian Express. It's motto: "Don't Leave Home." But there is a lighter side to Soviet life: video games. They say Pac-Man, and you do.

But things weren't really so droll in Odessa, where Yakov lived in a single room with his parents and didn't know he was Jewish until he was 15. As a young comic on cruise

ships in the Black Sea, Smirnoff had to submit his material to a ministry of humour, which would routinely censor his work.

After applying for exit visas, all three Smirnoffs were fired from their jobs. Yakov and his parents landed at Ellis Island in 1977 penniless and with no English.

Smirnoff perfected his craft in a new language at various comedy clubs and in 1979, director Paul Mazursky cast him in a bit part opposite Robin Williams in *Moscow on the Hudson*. From there, Smirnoff moved on to a variety of films, television commercials and regular appearances on late night talks shows, where he launched his signature expression, "What a country!"

Smirnoff returned to Moscow in May 1991 for the first time since leaving and "there was [then-president] Mikhail Gorbachev surrounded by the military and ethnic tension. This past May, Gorbachev was in Los Angeles, again surrounded by military and ethnic tension. So I'm wondering..."

Smirnoff knew the quality of hotel towels in Russia so he brought his own, and they were stolen within hours. "You know the country needs help when the hotel steals towels from you."

"Nope," the comic says confidently. "No unemployment lines for me."

For ticket information, call (416) 967-5233.

## Eye on Arts

The Flying Bulgar Klezmer Band will perform at Nathan Phillips Square, June 24 at noon, as part of the du Maurier Ltd. Downtown Jazz festival.

Ten-year-old Elena Kelebeev is a pianist to be reckoned with. Kelebeev, who came here from Moscow with her family last year, has been cleaning up at the Kiwanis musical competitions. So far she has won four first-place awards and two third-place notches. She has also been performing piano duets with her sister, 8-year-old Marina.

The Kelebeev family is a client of Jewish Immigrant Aid Society (JIAS) and has some involvement with the Community Integration Program (CIP), which offers a variety of programs for recent immigrants who have "graduated" from the integration program at JIAS.

Marina has shown her gratitude to the community by performing for CIP at one of its programs. Elena will be giving something back later this month when she performs at a gala concert fundraiser on behalf of the Russian Jewish community. She will play selections from Tchaikovsky and Chopin.

The C.H. Best student will also be performing at the Canadian Music Competition in Ottawa on July 1 as a cross-Canada finalist. And next October, she is scheduled to perform Bach at a Scarborough venue, backed up by a complete orchestra.

Elena is a former student of the Moscow Conservatory School for Gifted Children. The family is seeking sponsors so that their two daughters may continue their musical training.

For more information call Lynda Borden at Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto, 635-2883, ext. 236.

The dazzling Benson & Hedges Symphony of Fire returns to Ontario Place June 27-July 11.

The annual fireworks display has become one of the most popular events of the summer with over 1.3 million people flocking to the lakeshore to enjoy the action. The extravaganza is staged on massive barges just off Ontario Place and blasts off nightly at 10 p.m.

Families have the choice of booking tickets in advance to Ontario Place, taking an evening boat cruise and parking along the Toronto waterfront and tuning into MIX 99.9 FM.

New competitors from Hong Kong and Italy, in addition to returning participants from Spain and the United States will entertain spectators during this year's competition.

The highlights this year are Canada's 125th birthday celebrations on July 1 and the grand finale on July 11.

The competition opens on June 27 with the Hong Kong display, with the Italy display on July 1, Spain on July 4, the United States on July 8 and the grand finale, with all four countries participating, on July 11.

Admission on these days is \$10 which includes the cinesphere, live music at the Forum and some Ontario Place attractions.

Garnet Press Gallery, 580 Richmond St. W., will present the exhibit Five Sheets to the Wind, featuring the works of Toronto artists John Abrams and Simon Glass, as well as three artists from New York City. It runs until July 11.

Glass' work explores the relationship between procreation and the creation of the universe, while suggesting a co-existence of chaos and order. Among his works is *The Seventy-Two Names of God*, a photographic installation celebrating the body and spiritual life. In each of his 72 prints a torso is overlaid with a single golden word. Each word is a different Hebrew name for God.

The Toronto Symphony will perform a series of free outdoor summer concerts around Metro Toronto in July.

The music starts July 4 at Nathan Phillips Square at 7 p.m. Further concerts will be held at Earl Bales Park, Metropolitan Toronto Zoo and Centre Island.

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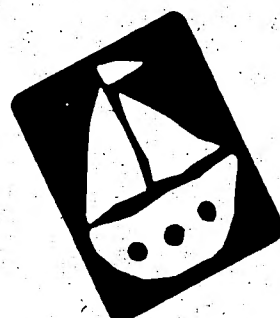
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## ORT leader heads to Manitoba Opera

By MYRON LOVE

**WINNIPEG —**

Joann Smith, immediate past president of Women's Canadian ORT, has taken on a new challenge. On May 31, she becomes the new executive director of the 20-year-old Manitoba Opera.

"I'm thrilled," she says of her appointment. "It is terrific when your hobby becomes your work and your work your hobby."

Smith has long been interested in and involved in opera and the arts. She was president of the women's committee of the Winnipeg Symphony Orchestra and member of the board of management for nine years. She has been a member of the board of the Manitoba Opera for eight years including a term as first vice-president.

For the past 10 years, Smith has been managing partner of the Kensington Dependable Group, a Winnipeg-based employment agency. She says her business experience and participation on the boards of the opera and the symphony made her an ideal candidate for the opera position. Her partner, Lila Korngold, will assume management responsibility for the business.

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# Israel Ballet strives to maintain world-class status

By LEORA FRUCHT

## TEL AVIV —

It's not easy to maintain a world-class ballet company in Israel.

Just when Israeli dancers reach the most critical period in their artistic development, they are drafted into the army. As soon as there is a threat of war, the company's foreign members flee the country. And even in "normal" times, the weighty financial burden of defence leaves little public funding for ballet.

Yet against these odds, the Israel Ballet, now in its 25th year, has managed to stay at the top of the international circuit. Its originally choreographed classics, such as the *Nutcracker*, *Sleeping Beauty* and *Cinderella*, have been performed in Europe, South America and North America to rave reviews (including a much-lauded run in Montreal in 1984).

Its repertoire boasts many ballets by the renowned American choreographer George Balanchine who was sufficiently impressed with the company to grant it the right to perform any of his works, and who described the Israel Ballet's performance of his *Serenade* as the best by any foreign company.

The "home" of the Israel Ballet — a rundown basement studio in Tel Aviv

— makes such achievement all the more remarkable.

"When people see our finished performances they never guess under what conditions we work," sighs artistic director Berta Yampolsky, who founded the company together with Hillel Markman in 1967.

The dark-haired sabra, whose choreographers have won the company much acclaim, bemoans the chronic lack of male ballet dancers in Israel — due to compulsory military service. "the army tries to be accommodating," she notes, "but it's just not enough. The demands of classical ballet are too rigorous to tolerate long absences."

As a result, Yampolsky has for years been going on talent hunts all over the world, seeking to attract top male ballet dancers. (In 1975, she returned from one such trip having recruited three members of Les Grands Ballets Canadiens.) Until recently, 10 of the company's 30 dancers were from outside Israel.

Then came the war.

When Scud missiles began plummeting into Tel Aviv last year, every one of the foreign members of the company fled Israel, including the two dancers slated to play Romeo in the scheduled premiere of *Romeo and Juliet*.

"The war," recalls Yampolsky, "was devastating for us. We lost one third of our company overnight."

The remaining dancers moved temporarily to another studio — "one which could be turned into a sealed room," notes Yampolsky, wryly. There, dancers attended classes every day, their gas masks close at hand.

"When the war was over, we had to start all over again," she says.

## School produces dancers

This time, Yampolsky took as few foreigners as possible. The massive aliya from the former Soviet Union came as a godsend. Nine new dancers were recruited from this wave of immigration. As a result, the company today is composed almost entirely of native-born Israelis and Russian-Jewish immigrants.

In addition to paying regular salary,

the company provides each of the immigrant dancers with a rented apartment. In so doing, it contributes to the absorption of dozens of new olim since every dancer has several dependent family members. "That one," says Yampolsky, pointing to a baby-faced young man in rehearsal, "supports his mother, grandmother and son."

While the company has replaced the dancers who left during the war, it has not fully recovered from the blow. Much energy goes into retraining the Russian artists who have to learn not only new steps, but a whole new approach to dance.

Then there is the company's financial situation. The performances cancelled during the war and the loss in ticket sales have set the company back. "We were doing fine before the war, but now we are in debt and the interest is killing us," notes Yampolsky.

Moreover, the Israel Ballet school — which trains youngsters from age 8 and which has produced several principal dancers over the years — was forced to close down recently. "The school where we were giving lessons was in such bad physical shape that parents refused to send their children there," she admits.

The Tel Aviv municipality has

offered the company land to build a proper school and studio facilities. But the Israel Ballet does not have the half million dollars required for construction.

Now Yampolsky, after years of staging *Cinderella*, is looking for her own fairy godmother — a ballet-loving sponsor to come to the rescue of the company.

"If there are Jews in the Diaspora who support dance companies in their own communities, there must be someone there who could help save Israel's only ballet company," she pleads.

Without such help, Yampolsky is doubtful about the future of the company. "I don't know how long we can continue to survive under these conditions."

The loss would be sorely felt in Israel, where the ballet company is the only local dance group that can fill up Tel Aviv's 2,700-seat Heichai HaTarbut theatre. And it would be equally felt on the international scene, where the Israel Ballet is the only company that produces Jewish Romeos — of world stature.

For more information, contact: The Israel Ballet, Heh B'Iyar #2, Kikar HaMedina, Tel Aviv 62053. Tel: 972-3-268570.

## Books

By BERNARD BASKIN

**Head To Head: The Coming Economic Battle Among Japan, Europe & America** by Lester Thurow (MacMillan \$34.95)

The Cold war era is over. In 1989 the Berlin Wall collapsed. Two years later the U.S.S.R. imploded. What now? Does the world face a trilateral economic struggle for world domination? Which of the three superpowers — Japan, Europe or America — will emerge as the colossus of the twenty-first century?

The author of this appraisal of tomorrow's world is dean of the M.I.T. — Sloan School of Management and a renowned economist. He asserts that international trade, increasingly, will be governed by a series of managed trade blocks and that the largest of these will be the European Community. It will encompass 380,000,000 persons, with a possibility of adding erstwhile Soviet republics for even greater numbers and productivity. Successfully integrated — and intelligently led — this Europe of tomorrow could prove invincible.

Japan's present advantages and momentum will eventually falter as it changes from an export-led economy to a domestic one and strives to become more open to the outside world. The Japanese stock market has dropped more than 50 percent in the last two years and Japanese entrepreneurs have begun disinvestment abroad.

However, the "consumer-oriented," profit-maximizing enterprises of the United States will continue to lose out to the Japanese "producer-oriented" financial system that puts more money in the hands of industrialists for reinvestment. A capitalist economy geared to serve stockholders and consumers cannot prevail against a producer empire operating with different rules.

Reviewing the standing of U.S. business against that of the EC and the Japanese in eight vital industries (aircraft, electronics, machine tools, semiconductor devices etc.) the author makes clear that without drastic change the American economy will prove wanting.

Thurow is convinced that branch plants in foreign countries — such as those of the Japanese in the United States — do not, in the long run, prove beneficial to the host country. He points to Canada as an unhappy example. Canadians may always be comfortable but "they will never be the best." They don't run their own companies.

James Fellows, a cogent American social observer, points out: "For years Americans have told Canadians that an economy consisting largely of U.S.-owned branch plants is just fine. Now Canadians may rightly chuckle as Japanese industrialists tell Americans to be happy with branch plants."

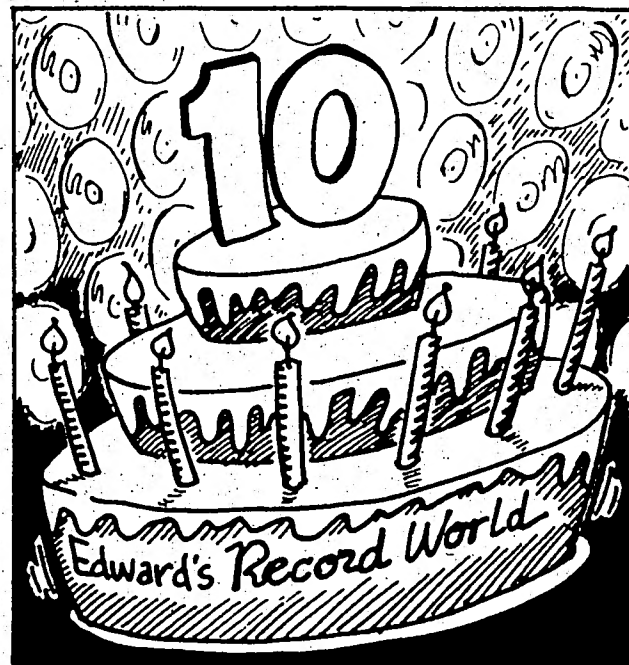
The author proposes a new economic agenda in order for the United States to survive. These proposals include an overhaul of the inefficient educational system, a more innovative teamwork approach to problem solving and belt-tightening procedures that inevitably would meet active opposition from industry.

One of Thurow's suggestions is most provocative: "A \$1 per gallon gasoline tax, without any other change in taxes or spending, would by itself reduce most of the federal budget deficit (while also reducing oil imports, which now account for half of the foreign-trade deficit). Even at \$2.50 per gallon, gasoline would be a lot cheaper than it is in Europe or Japan."

The United States, he concludes, is still rich and potentially resilient. It doesn't have to do much if it is to compete more successfully and address its problems of deficits and growth. But it has to start doing something.

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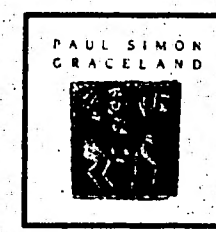
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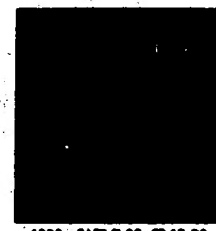
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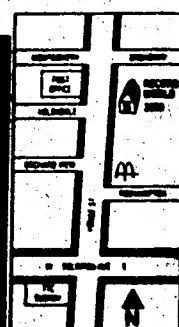
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## Travel

# London boasts plenty of alternative tourist sites

By RANDI DRUZIN

*When a man is tired of London, he is tired of life; for there is in London all that life can afford.*

— Samuel Johnson

Have you already been to London? Have you already stood beneath Nelson's Column at Trafalgar Square, endured a lengthy debate in the House of Commons, admired impressionist paintings at the National Gallery, ogled the crown jewels in the Tower of London, climbed 259 steps to the Whispering Gallery in St. Paul's Cathedral and taken pictures of the changing of the guard at Buckingham Palace?

Have you already discovered that Big Ben refers not to the clock tower at the eastern end of the Houses of Parliament, but rather to the largest bell in its chime?

If so, then consider some alternatives on your next excursion to the city that Winston Churchill once said could easily devour an entire hostile army.

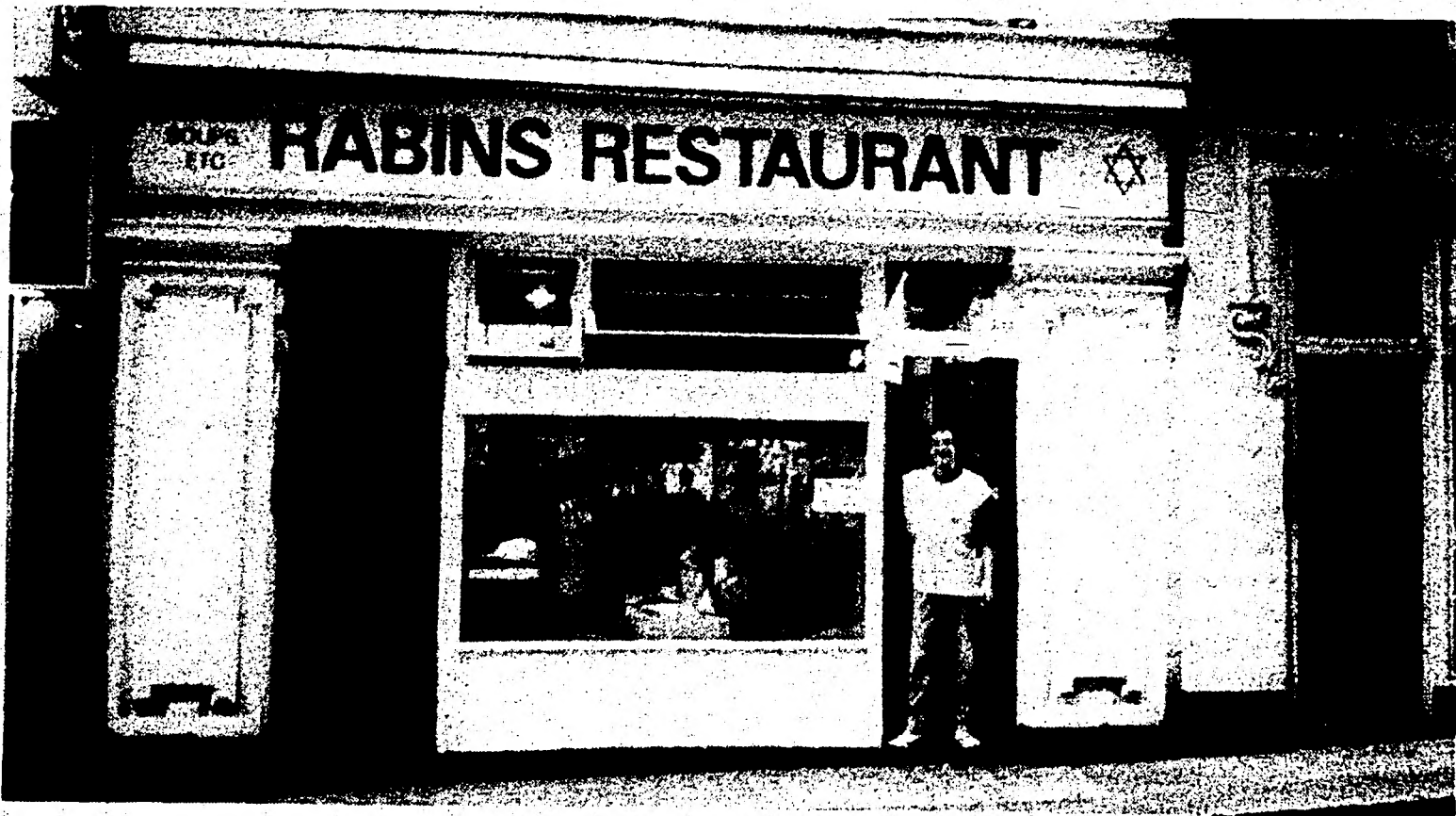
You might visit the oldest surviving synagogue in Britain (built in 1701), the building where Rudolf Rocker founded the International Workers' Education Club, commonly known as the Anarchists' Club, or the Soup

Kitchen for the Jewish Poor, which fed around 5,000 people a week in the 1930s. You might also enjoy a walk down Fashion Street — once the home to many writers including Wolf Mankowitz and Jack London.

City Walks of London offers a walking tour of The Jewish East End. The two-hour expedition is led by an informed guide who relates an annotated history of Britain's Jewish community from the Middle Ages to the 1940s by focusing on such significant landmarks.

If you're more interested in London's present day Jewish community, visit Golders Green. This small community, northwest of the city, has become the centre of London's Jewish community. Kosher butchers and banks with Hebrew advertisements crowd Golders Green Road and Finchley Road, north and south of Golders Green tube (subway) stop.

The community has two Jewish social service centres, several synagogues and the Golders Green Crematorium, where you can see the ashes of Sigmund Freud and memorials of Lord Sieff, founder of Marks and Spencer, musician Marc Bolan and Dracula creator Bram Stoker.



Mark Weiner stands in the doorway of his shop.

Not surprisingly, Golders Green has many stores that sell kosher food as well as some fine restaurants, including Bloom's and Yossi's Nosh.

If you find that the complicated tube system (266 stops on 11 lines) is too

much for you to tackle, rest assured that quality bagels and cream cheese are but a stone's throw from the London Pavilion and the Royal Academy of Arts. Rabin's Nosh Bar in Piccadilly Circus offers a hearty menu of hors

d'oeuvres, soups, sandwiches, assorted bagels and main dishes such as salt beef and chips and chicken breast and chips.

It's easy to get caught up in all the excitement of London.

## TRAVEL TALK

By LEN BUTCHER

Before we get started, I want you to remember that we're almost into the dog days of summer and nowhere will that be more evident than around here. Take note: The CJN will not be publishing three times throughout these lazy, hazy days. There will be no issues July 2, July 16 and August 6.

Now any self-respecting company, knowing they're going to miss three issues, would shut down three weeks in a row and tell the staff to go away and have a good time, don't you think? Not here, however, and that, my friends, is partly the reason for the funk I've been in lately.

Add to that the fact that general

manager Gary Laforet is again taking his summer vacation to go to South Carolina with lovely wife Raylyn and the three Js—Jennifer, Jessica and Johnny (sounds like a rock group and believe me, they're just as noisy). But there's a twist this year.

Despite GL having just purchased a new Honda Accord something or other that has all the bells and whistles you could possibly imagine, he and Raylyn had the nerve to ask me if I would take a few days off to help them drive the three monst... ahem, lovely children to Turtle (or is it Myrtle) Beach.

Now, I think the three Js are great as long as Raylyn confines them to their padded rooms, but I have seen them loose, and let me tell you friends, it's not a pretty sight. But what can I say? Can I turn down a friend in need? Am I not my brother's keeper? So they'll scream and fight and spill drinks all over the car seat and want to stop every 15 minutes. Will it not all be

worth it, knowing I'm doing a good deed? I don't think so. Why should I waste any of my vacation time going crazy when I can do the same at work on company time?

Sorry Gary. And if you want to tell our audience about that incident concerning me, a bathtub of jello, gallon of whipping cream and a librarian, so be it. I know our readers will forgive me.

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Several things going on this weekend you won't want to miss and all within driving distance.

First there's the Hamilton International Air Show at the Hamilton Airport. Highlight of this year's show, which takes place Saturday, June 20, and Sunday, June 21, is the appearance of the Italian Air Force's famous jet team, Freccia Tricolori, which means tri-color arrows.

The 71-member team fly the Aer-

machini MB-339A/PAN, a single engine, two-seat advanced military trainer considered to be among the finest built by the Italian aerospace industry.

Other featured highlights of the show include the USAF Stealth F-117 and the F-16. Vintage aircraft will include the Lancaster Bomber and Hawker Hurricane. You'll also be able to talk to the crews, sit in the seat of a jet fighter and tour a transport.

For anyone who has ever flown or who just likes airplanes, this is the place to be this weekend. Tickets, including GST: adults, \$10; children and seniors, \$5; and a family pass (maximum six) is \$35, but must be bought in advance. Time for aircraft ground display is 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. both days. Flying display begins at approximately 12:30 p.m. Airport parking is \$3.

Also offered is a President's Club ticket that gets you an umbrella table seating in the air show pavilion. Tickets are \$25. Then there's the Photo

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The other event is for those people who want to get close to the ground. It's strawberry season and though it's been delayed a bit by that stretch of cold weather we had, now that the sun and heat have finally arrived, so have the strawberries and this weekend should see the farms filled with city folk.

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## Business Outlook

# Binova Creative Kitchens

By CAROLYN BLACKMAN

When Binova Kitchens Inc. opened its doors in Woodbridge over six years ago, its mandate was to offer high quality, easy-to-use kitchens.

Today, many customers, who have used the company for everything from a small renovation to a completely redesigned kitchen, can attest to the fact that Binova has lived up to its own expectations.

Tony Calabretta, design consultant for Binova, says that quality should not be compromised when having work done in a kitchen. "It is better to spend a little more money in the first place than suffer with lower quality materials. Good workmanship and top-of-the-line materials mean an easy-to-clean, scratch resistant, durable kitchen that can put up with lots of abuse."

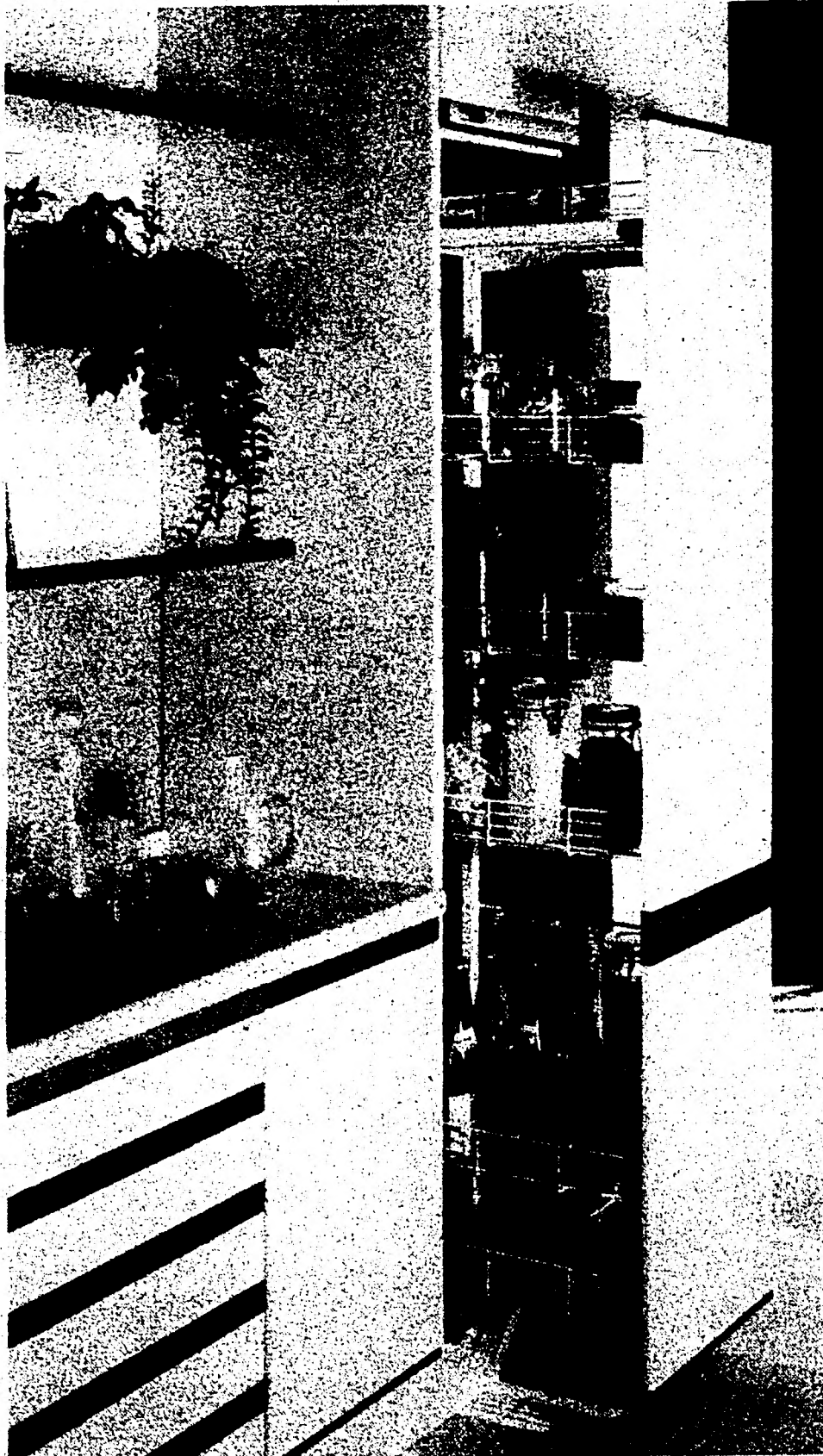
He says that the secret behind a modern kitchen is to provide practical space out of a once-crowded, impractical kitchen. "Many home and condominium owners do not realize how much can be done to provide space in a kitchen they think is too small. The size of the kitchen is not really the issue. What is important is how the space is used. A lot of empty space does no one any good."

He says that such conveniences as cabinets with pull-out racks, cupboards with double revolving containers, hanging cabinets fitted with dish, glass and cutlery racks and drawers with vegetable baskets and pot and jar holders all serve to use every inch of available kitchen space.

Calabretta says that built-in appliances are another way to obtain optimum kitchen space. "Appliances are too often obtrusive in the kitchen setting. Built-in appliances not only blend in with any well-designed kitchen, they can fit into the unusual spaces in which ordinary appliances cannot fit. Many appliances such as the Miele line can be fitted with decor panels to correspond with the kitchen design and dishwashers can even be fitted with a solid door front without a trim kit."

In addition to space-saving appliances, many people are now looking for those that are energy as well as time efficient. "Many of the appliances we sell have extra features such as convection, defrosting and convection broiling. In convection cooking, not only is it possible to cook at lower temperatures, food also takes less time to cook. That saves energy and time."

He says that ceramic cooktops are another popular feature. They not only look good in any kitchen, they have many advantages such as easy cleaning, smooth surface that can double as counter space when not in use and indicator lights that stay on even after the cooktop is turned off so it is easy to determine if the ele-



ments are still hot. "All of these features add to the utility of a kitchen."

Calabretta notes that sinks are another spot in the kitchen where space can be used to the maximum. "We can provide sinks that come with such features as a cutting board and tray that fit snugly into the bowl, a perforated drainer that can be used to defrost food or drain vegetables and a crockery basket that also fits into the bowl when it is necessary to air-dry dishes."

As for cupboards, he says that the trend today is a laminated high-gloss look that is very easy to keep clean. "Ease of cleaning is of utmost importance to the busy working family and the laminates, available in a wide range of designs, are very durable, scratch resistant and easily wiped clean. These kitchens are made to use."

He adds that white kitchens are still very much in demand and also popu-

lar is a white kitchen with black trim. "In floors, ceramics are durable and easy to clean, although a lot of people still go with hardwood even though a lot of care is involved in wooden floors. The wood floors can be varnished but we still don't recommend them wholeheartedly when there are lots of young kids in the house. Those on a tighter budget still do well with the traditional linoleum."

Overall, Calabretta said that what Binova specializes in is creating kitchens with the family in mind. "Some people need certain features that others can live without. We try to determine the needs of the family we are working with. No one kitchen is the same, because no one family is the same. When working with a customer, we take into consideration the size of the kitchen, the size of the family and the amount of cooking that is done. All of these things factor into the type of kitchen that will do well in their home."



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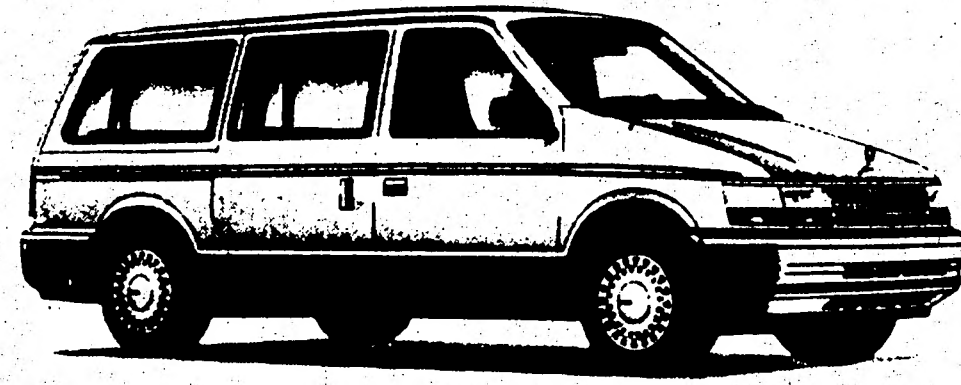
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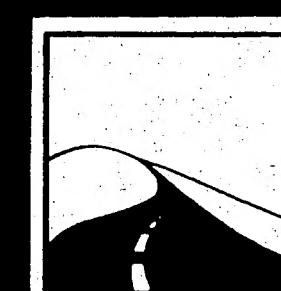
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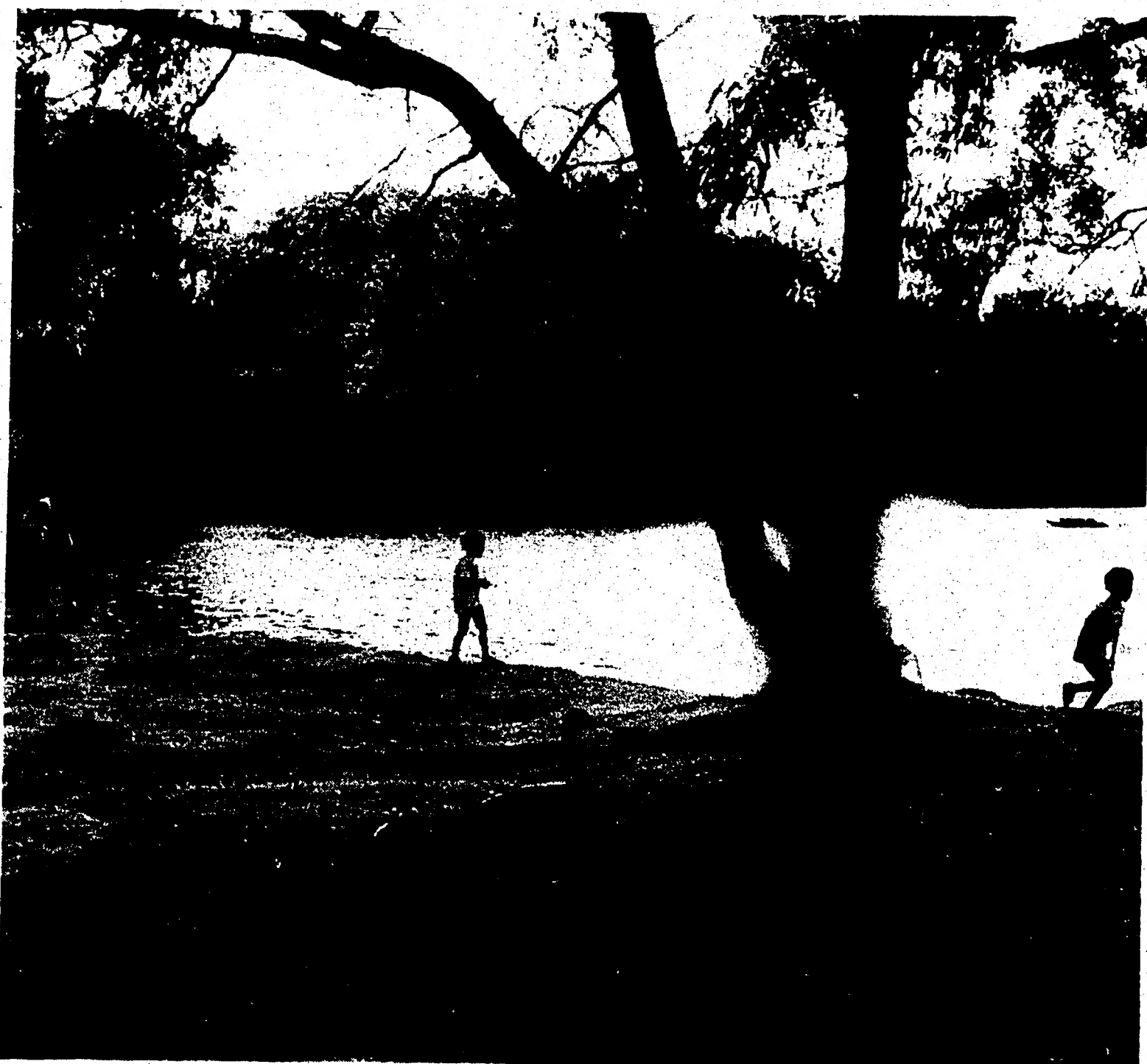


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# North of Steeles



Kids, ducks and green spaces can still enjoy each other at places like the Centre St. pond, just blocks from the housing developments, businesses and shopping malls of York Region. [Alron photo]

## Times they are a changin'

By LEILA SPEISMAN

**Y**ou can't hardly recognize the place no more. Those of us who moved to the vast, uncharted land north of Steeles (well, we liked to think of it that way) when development first started a little less than 15 years ago, now look out on nearly grown trees, shopping malls, condos, schools both public and Jewish, and traffic-filled roads, and wonder where the ducks went that used to paddle in a pond around the corner.

Jews consider themselves quite at home in Vaughan, Markham, Richmond Hill and, increasingly in even more distant areas of Aurora and Unionville.

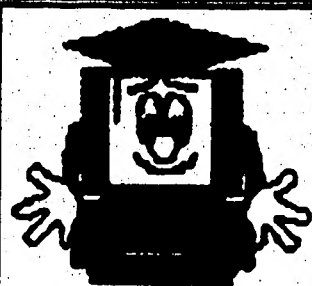
While most of us would not think of moving south, and see those south of Steeles as rather effete, everything is not rosy in these recessionary times.

Promised road and transit improvements have not been made to any extent, garbage collection has been cut back to once a week, stores sit empty in plush malls.

But even so, there is no sense of hopelessness up there. Businesses continue to open, maybe different kinds, but still ambitious in scope and goals, Jewish schools still plan to break ground this year and real estate, while moving slowly, nevertheless still moves.

Just recently, Vaughan Council has agreed to build a long-awaited and badly needed resource library at Bathurst and Clark and a pool at Clark and Dufferin.

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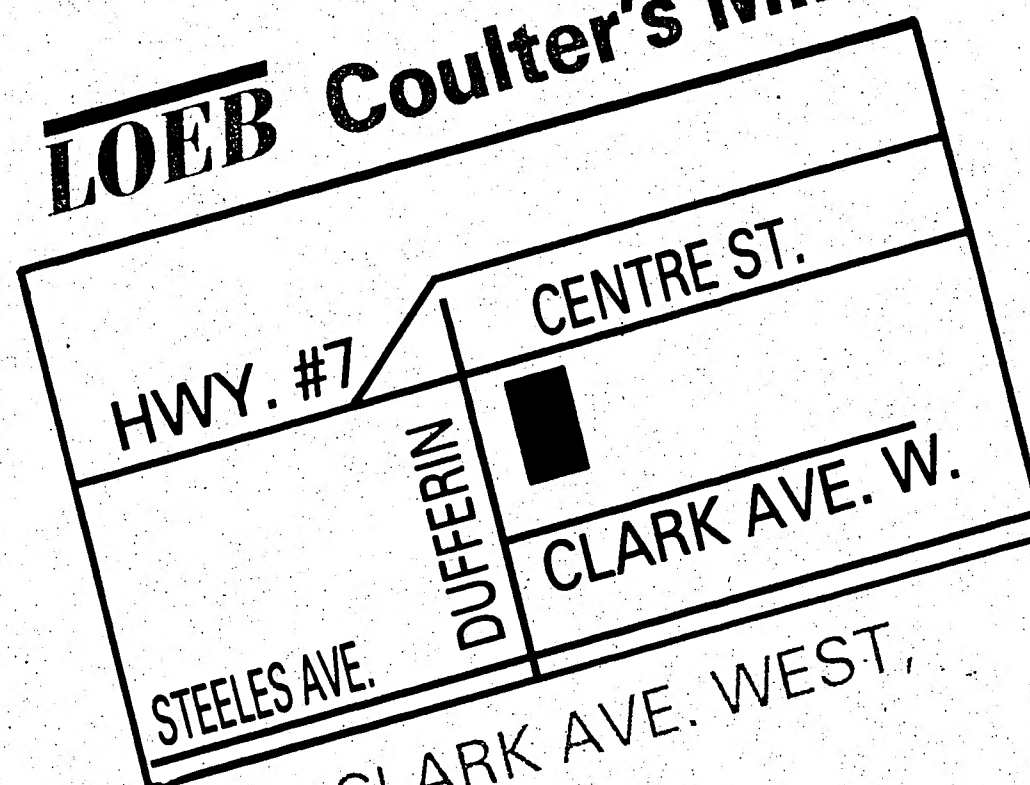
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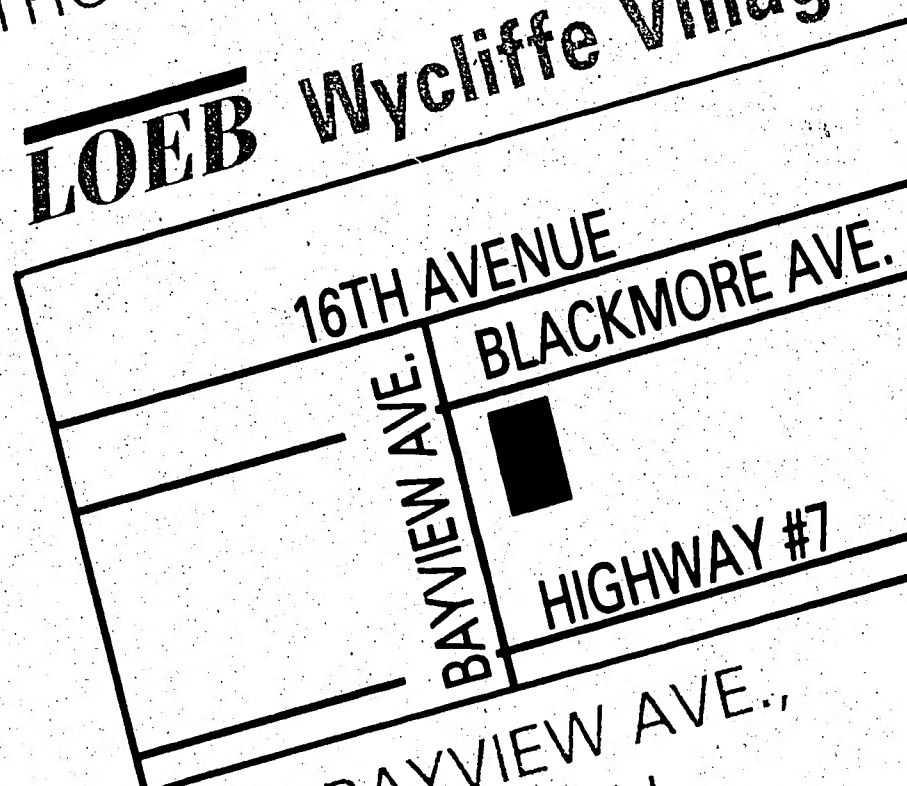
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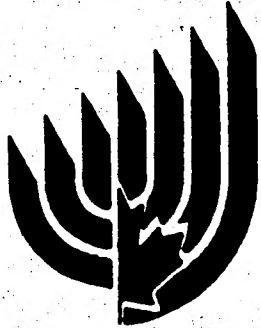


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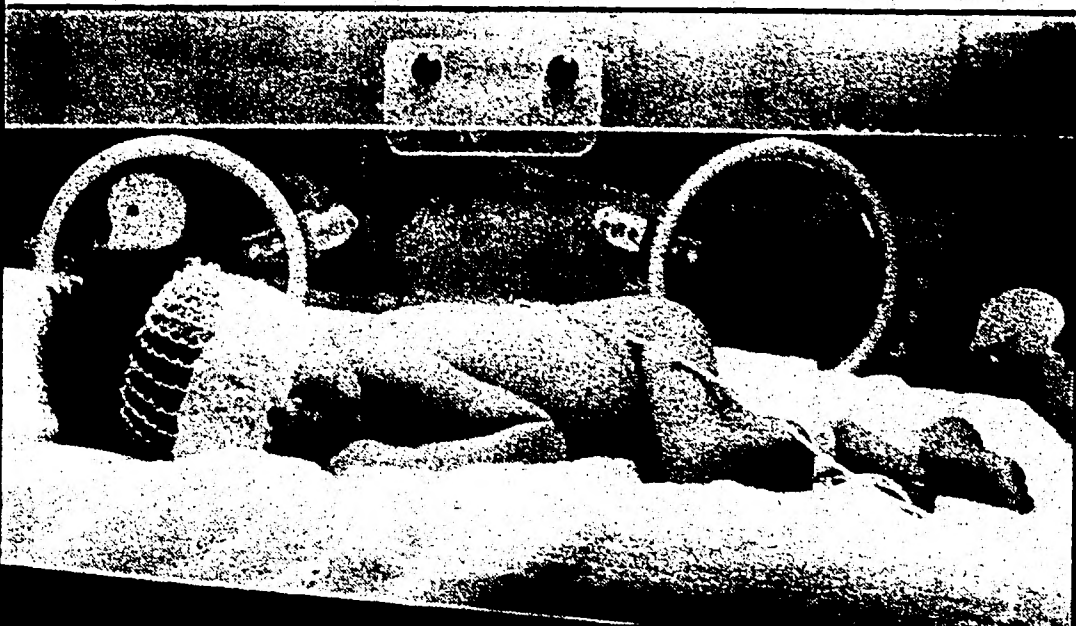
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## No spiritual barrenness in northern York Region

By RON CSILLAG

**"W**e could sure use a kosher deli and bakery," laughs

Newmarket resident Lori Cohen, when asked what Jewish infrastructure is lacking in this northern York Region community. Aside from traditional delectables, it seems Jewish families in these parts pine for little.

But why would anyone want to live so far north of Steeles Avenue that a drive to Metro Toronto is practically a day trip? That's precisely why, says Cohen, who moved here with her husband and three children five years ago from Thornhill, not exactly known itself for urban madness.

"We wanted to get away from the hustle and bustle of the big city, the same as anyone else moving here. At first, it was culture shock but now, I wouldn't move back. I can't think of any families that would," she told *The CJN*.

Even though most of her neighbors are not Jewish and church steeples are in plain view, Cohen says Jews here feel secure, strengthened as the number of Jewish families climbs to roughly 150 here and in nearby Sharon, Holland Landing and Huronia.

Jews pushing further and further north of Toronto is nothing new. First, they migrated along Bathurst Street, creeping north of Eglinton Avenue but still predominantly south of the 401. But in the years following World War II, the sky seemed the limit, as families yearning for the suburbs crept toward Wilson then Sheppard, Finch and finally, the emotional boundary of Steeles, from where anything further north was a hinterland of cultural and spiritual barrenness.

Not anymore. "I used to run to the city five days a week so the kids could use the [Northeast] JCC," Cohen says. "I don't do that now. My children don't see their Jewishness as part of Toronto. They know they can be Jewish here. We've made our lives here."

So do many other Jewish families, it seems. As the population here inches up thanks to more people escaping Metro's prices and urban woes, it is dawning on many Jews that they can be who they are in a largely non-Jewish environment.

Just last Sunday, in fact, there was a Jewish first here: three girls, including Cohen's own daughter, Tina, marked their bat mitzvahs in the auditorium of the Greenacres nursing home on Eagle Street.

Since there is no central Jewish ad-

dress in this neck of the woods, (the closest synagogue is Shaare Haim Congregation in Richmond Hill, a fair drive south of here), families congregate at civic venues like the York Toy Library for Oneg Shabbats every other week. A popular Hebrew school, Or Hadash, with three part-time teachers from Metro, is situated in the Mazo de la Roche public school. People also come together in private homes for holidays and a year ago February, a B'nai Brith Women chapter, Northern Lights, was formed. It now has 37 members.

But, Cohen concedes, "We really would like something permanent."

That hint, however tiny, of wanting a bit more Jewish identification is not lost on the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto, which since January, 1990 has been studying the needs of York Region Jews in a groundbreaking study.

Under the chairmanship of Ralph Shedletsky, the subcommittee on the York Region Jewish Community (YRJC) is doing more than a head count. It is listening to Jews north of Steeles, wanting to know what they want and letting other agencies in on their needs and desires.

The subcommittee has also teamed up with the Steeles North Action Committee, a grassroots Federation committee struck in September, 1989 to identify and develop Jewish leadership in the region.

According to Federation planner Jeremy Cohen, the YRJC is piggy-backing on last year's federal census and will use data culled from it for a really accurate snapshot of who lives where, income levels, single-parent families, and so on.

Although at least a year from completing its findings, the subcommittee has so far unearthed a number of interesting things, Cohen says.

For one, the population. It is more than officials imagined.

"We knew there was a sizeable Jewish community in the region, but we underestimated it at first," he admits. "Preliminary estimates were 18,000 total."

The subcommittee was happy to discover that that estimate was the total from 1980. Today, it's fair to say the population has since doubled. Estimates range from 35,000 to 40,000.

The rough breakdown, according to Cohen, is 25,000 in Vaughan, 10,000 in Markham, between 2,000 and 3,000 in Richmond Hill and a smattering in and around Newmarket, Aurora and Bradford.

South African, Israeli and Montreal ex-patriates are partly responsible for

the influx, as are people shunning the Bathurst Street corridor for the 'burbs.

"Our intention," explains Cohen, "is not to create a purely statistical document, but one which looks at behavior and attitudes, and where we see the community heading in terms of Jewish practice."

"It's also a way of saying, 'What do you want?' and of spending dollars in a logical way."

The subcommittee has met with no fewer than 11 groups, including synagogues and condominium associations.

"There are a whole range of issues in York Region," Cohen notes. "We found a disproportionately large number of children and a disproportionately low number of senior citizens. There are latch-key kids who have nowhere to go after school. There are parents who have to deal with their parents. There is Jewish education."

The list goes on, but Cohen has found that recreation, or the lack of it in a Jewish setting, is a major problem north of Steeles.

Another reality is the dearth of Jewish services.

That's why Jewish Family & Child Service will soon expand its Promenade Mall location from an outreach centre to a full service agency.

Even though they live where they choose, York Region Jews feel cut off from their Metro counterparts, Cohen says.

"There is a feeling of isolation. The population often feels cut off because Steeles is still an emotional boundary."

That lack of identification with the mainstream community apparatus is perhaps best seen in the fact that only 8,000 Jews in the region contributed to this year's United Jewish Appeal drive.

"There is definitely less affiliation," Cohen says.

In terms of religious identification, Orthodox families tend to concentrate around shuls to which they can walk; thus the large observant population around the Beth Avraham Yoseph of Toronto synagogue on Clark Avenue West and the Lubavitch Community Centre on Chabad Gate, both in Thornhill, and the Ner Israel Yeshiva in Richmond Hill.

Apart from the cold, empirical facts, Cohen knows his committee is ultimately dealing with an issue that is difficult to nail down.

"People moved to York Region for affordable housing, to be away from the city," Cohen says. "Now they want something Jewish but many can't put their finger on what it is."

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The produce department at SunnyBrook's new store on Bayview Avenue south of Highway 7 offers a wide variety of fruit and vegetables.

## Fresh produce farms are sprouting up

By FRANCES KRAFT

Even an ardent chocaholic can be tempted by the thought of luscious, fresh-picked strawberries or exotic starfruit. From locally grown produce — your best bet, especially in the summer — to South American cherimoyas and Sharon fruit, a type of persimmon imported from Israel, options abound when it comes to fruit shopping.

For the freshest produce, nothing beats picking your own. Some tips from Bill Redelmeier, owner of Southbrook Farms and president of the Ontario Farm Fresh Marketing Association:

- Phone ahead to make sure that children are welcome (which is the case for both farms mentioned in this article) and to check out picking conditions and availability of the crop.

- If possible, go early in the day before the sun becomes too strong, and bring sunscreen.

- If you find you've picked too many berries, Redelmeier suggests freezing them in a single layer on a cookie sheet (preferably a non-stick one), then packaging them in an airtight container when they're frozen solid. They should keep in the freezer until next spring.

Redelmeier, the father of an infant, encourages parents to puree fresh, local fruits and vegetables for their babies and freeze them in ice cube trays, to avoid the additives in some commercial baby foods.

Local produce is subject to the strictest pesticide laws in the world, says Steve Watford of the Watford family owned Silver Stream Farms in Richmond Hill. Like Southbrook Farms, Silver Stream offers pick-your-own as well as a retail outlet with exclusively local produce. Both farms minimize the use of harmful pesticides wherever possible. *The CJN* was told.

Sometimes it's more convenient to shop at a fruit market than a farm. Sue's Fruit Market, with locations in Thornhill and Richmond Hill, is probably best known for its wide selection of well-priced fresh flowers, but its selection of fresh fruits is equally varied.

Among its more unusual stock, says owner Colin Sue, are red-flecked white cherries, which are larger, sweeter and lower in acid than other varieties; and cherimoyas, green on the outside (which you don't eat) and white and sweet on the inside.

With a large Jewish clientele, Sue's offers specialty items for Jewish holidays such as cedar branches for sukkah schach and fresh horseradish for Passover. They will deliver orders over \$25.00.

Longo's, a fruit and vegetable market with three outlets in the north of Steeles area, also offers unusual items such as New Zealand tamarillos, a species of tomato that you scoop out and eat like ice cream, says Anthony Longo.

If you're looking to try something new, you might be inspired by one of Longo's in-store videos on fruits such as tamarillos and persimmons.

Some consumers feel they are sacrificing variety and freshness when they shop in a supermarket instead of a specialty shop, but that isn't necessarily the case.

"We carry a full ethnic line," says David Goodbaum, general manager of SunnyBrook Foods, a newcomer to the Thornhill area which won Foodland Ontario achievement awards three consecutive years for marketing of Ontario produce. Along with his father, he chooses local produce very early in the morning to ensure a fresh in-store selection.

In addition to local produce, SunnyBrook's selection ranges from Jamaican sweet potato to Chinese bitter melon, from lichee nuts to starfruit, Goodbaum told *The CJN*.

## Warehouse businesses try to suit all tastes

By LEILA SPEISMAN

Shopping bags bearing the logos of exclusive shoppes (not shops) used to be the status symbol — what all good yuppies aspired to have carelessly lying around the house or dangling from the wrist.

Well, times have changed, and the new note of desirability is the discount or warehouse store. Provided it offers not just lower prices, but quality, service and selection as well.

While young families tend to be most prevalent in the area north of Steeles, these former yuppies now find themselves house-wealthy but often cash-flow poor.

Meyer Katz of Grant Mackenzie, a men's clothing store on Steeles just west of Yonge, says that "the type of customer who buys my merchandise has developed a good taste level, and is spot on in terms of where fashion is."

Grant Mackenzie is far from what used to be thought of as a discount store. He

says he sells "the finest product from Europe and Canada, at 30 to 40 percent (or more) below the upscale retailers price."

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Even well-off people, he said, don't boast about their big spending — "they sit around and talk about what they saved."

Yossi Marmorstein of Little Shoe Palace on Doncaster, agrees that low prices, while important, are not enough.

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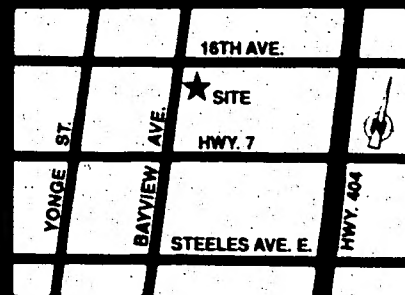
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# George Burns Comedian's outlook keeps him young

By LEN BUTCHER

To say George Burns is funny is like saying Mount Everest is high. It hardly tells the whole story and this was brought home immediately when I talked with Burns a few weeks ago.

We had no sooner said our hellos when he broke into one of his famous ditties. This one he called the Rosh Hashanah Marching Song, which, he said, was written by none other than his old friend, Jack Benny. Benny is gone, as are Jolson, Cantor and a score of other great artists.

But Burns is still with us and intends to be for a long time to come. Last year, at the age of 95, he signed a contract to perform at the Riviera Hotel in Las Vegas to celebrate his 100th birthday. He plans to follow that with a performance at the Palladium in London, England.

How does he do it? Easy, says Burns, the ever-present cigar between his fingers. "I love what I do and I take care of myself." Taking care of himself means a daily walk, a little business, playing bridge with friends. As for his diet, Burns says, "I eat anything. If the food's bad, I send for ketchup."

I had wanted to do, at least in part, a serious interview with Burns, but it wasn't to be. Not only is Burns funny, he's fast. No lingering or pondering over answers to questions. He has a razor-sharp mind and a quick wit that has you on the ropes faster than a Tyson uppercut.

So how did this leprechaun-like legend get to be so funny? As little Nathan Birnbaum, the ninth of 12 children growing up on New York City's Lower East Side, life was no picnic. And when his father died when Nathan was only 7, it only added to the hardship.

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He remembers those times. "My mother was a great woman. I really don't know how she managed to raise us, but she did. We all worked and pooled our money. You have to remember that things were very cheap then. You could buy a roll for a penny and something to put in it for another penny, so for a couple of cents you had a sandwich.

"I used to work in a candy store stirring the syrup with some friends of mine and one day a man came in and said he was going to teach us how to sing harmony. Each day he'd come in and in a short time we sang pretty good. Before long we were drawing a crowd into the store, so we got a straw hat to put on the counter and people would put pennies in the hat. On some days they'd take the hat," Burns recalls laughing. "But I was earning two or three dollars a week, which was a lot of money."

Burns quit school when he was 14 and never looked back, even though there were a lot of lean years. His mother, of course, didn't approve of his lifestyle. "I used to be the Bedouin of the family," says Burns. "I remember going home once and having breakfast with my mother, who wanted me to settle down. She said, 'Remember, all your sisters (there were seven) were virgins when they married.'"

"I said, Yeah, because they weren't very pretty. She said 'Pass the salt.' That was the end of the discussion."

Although Burns was brought up in an Orthodox home, he says religion never meant that much to him, although he never once thought of converting. Gracie Allen, his wife of 38 years, was a devout Irish-Catholic, but their different religions, says Burns, "didn't affect our marriage in any way. It was never a problem."

He gives much of the credit for his success to Gracie, saying, "I learned a lot from her." It was a difficult time for Burns when she died, but, he says, "You cry and you cry and finally you stop crying and get on with your life."

The man who took his stage name from his brother and a coal company (his brother Isadore, the favorite, was called George, and Burns Bros. was the local coal company) certainly did just that, becoming a successful actor, author, nightclub entertainer and singer.

And now, at 96, he'll be appearing at the O'Keefe Centre June 21, Father's Day, at 7 p.m. for one performance only.

Before we said goodbye, Burns left me with some words of advice: "It's better to be a failure at something you're in love with than to be successful at something you hate."

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Construction is beginning on the last 36 homes in Spring Farm. [Alron photo]

## Real estate agents hopeful

By RANDI DRUZIN

**R**eal estate agents are optimistic about the future of York Region's housing market, in spite of the recession. "York Region is the fastest growing area in the Greater Toronto Area," says David Stein of Locations Real Estate Services Inc.

"The whole region, particularly Thornhill and Richmond Hill, is very popular because of its close proximity to Metro Toronto. It's an area of choice," he says, "and that won't change."

The spring market has been active," Stein says, noting that interest rates have declined over the last six months.

Stein says many of his clients have looked at homes in the Bathurst-Highway 7 area. There has been a lot of interest in 2,000 square foot single-family homes, he says, adding that most sales are between \$250,000 and \$350,000.

John Quattro of StarCity Realty Limited conceded business is down about 10 percent from last year, but,

he says, many potential homebuyers have contacted his office about new housing developments in York Region, particularly in Vaughan.

Quattro says a Greenpark Homes development in Kleinburg has attracted a lot of attention. Twenty houses have been sold in the development, located near the McMichael Art Gallery at Highway 27 and Major Mackenzie, since October.

He says that he is confident that he will sell the remaining 40 homes in the near future.

"York Region has continued to grow through the recession," Quattro says, "and though these are difficult times, housing in this area is still more affordable than in Metropolitan Toronto."

The recession has had good and bad effects on the housing market, according to Bernie Hoffman of Signature Realty Limited. Hoffman, who is showing 36 Spring Farm homes in an enclave near Clark Avenue in Vaughan, admits sales are down, but he says that because potential home buyers are less willing to

invest in a home, developers are building units that are better suited to buyers' needs.

"The plans for these (Spring Farm) homes were on the drawing board for an incredibly long time," he says.

"Plans were scrutinized, then altered, then scrutinized and altered again," he says. "Planners are really concerned with buyers' preferences, whether it's the shape of a bathtub or how much glass is put in a kitchen. I've been in real estate for a long time, and I've never seen anything like it."

All the Spring Farm homes are between 2,400 and 3,325 square feet, and each one features a special, private room (for some time away from the kids), a fireplace, and a bathroom with a walk-up to an oval bathtub and a shower stall.

"They're really beautiful homes," he says. "I'm sure they'll sell."

While Hoffman admits that business "hasn't been overwhelming," he says that "every month it's getting a little better. We've had to work harder to make sales," he says, "but we are selling."

## Four Jewish schools join migration north

By JOSEPH SERGE

**T**he York Region area should have four more Jewish schools within the next few years as an increasing number of young Jewish families migrate north of Metro. The four schools planning to expand north of Steeles Avenue are Leo Baeck Day School, Netivot HaTorah, Or Haemet Sephardic School and Associated Hebrew Schools.

Rabbi Steven Garten, director of Leo Baeck, is hoping his new school, to be located at Atkinson Avenue north of Clark Avenue West, will be ready around September 1993.

"We have the final plans from the architect," Rabbi Garten says. "Now we're awaiting approval from the Vaughan government." He hopes digging will start in the fall. The building will be approximately 4,050 square metres (45,000 square feet) and he expects it to cost about \$5 million.

The school will hold some 450 boys and girls from junior kindergarten to Grade 8.

"The Leo Baeck School leases its present facility from the North York Board of Education," Rabbi Garten says, "and is looking for something to call its own." He estimates that 80 percent of enrollment currently comes from the north of Steeles area.

Adjoining the new Leo Baeck School will be Netivot HaTorah. Alan Steinfeld, administrator of Netivot HaTorah, is hoping the new school will be ready for September 1993.

"We're going to have to start construction this summer," Steinfeld says. "That's our target."

Like Leo Baeck, Netivot HaTorah is planned at 4,050 square metres. Steinfeld says that the school, which he expects to hold 525 boys and girls from kindergarten to Grade 8, should cost about \$3.5 million.

"A big chunk of our population comes from Vaughan," Steinfeld says, "so, given the opportunity to build up there, we took it."

Or Haemet Sephardic School is planning to build its school near the corner of Steeles Avenue West and Bathurst Street.

"The plans are practically finished," Rabbi Eliezer Rokach, school dean, says. "At least, the design stage is over. Once we have the money we could start digging."

"A donor is being sought so this dream can be car-

ried out," Rabbi Rokach confesses. Asked when he hopes the new school to open, he just said, "In the future."

"We are in our 18th year of existence, and we've practically been travelling from one place to another," Rabbi Rokach says. "We needed a home for the school."

The school will be built in two phases. The first phase will be 2,700 square metres (30,000 square feet). After the second phase is complete, the school will be 6,300 square metres (70,000 square feet). The project will probably cost about \$8 million.

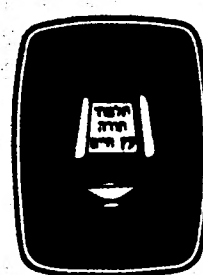
Initially he expects the school to enrol about 100 boys and girls from kindergarten to Grade 8.

Associated Hebrew Schools is planning to open its \$10 million school on Atkinson Avenue and Rosedale Heights.

Arthur Tannenbaum, executive vice-president, said construction should begin on July 1, 1992 and he hopes to open the school shortly.

The 8,550 square metre building (95,000 square feet) will hold approximately 1,000 boys and girls from nursery to Grade 6.

Tannenbaum says the school is being built in the north of Steeles area because, "We're a community day school and we should be where the Jewish students are."



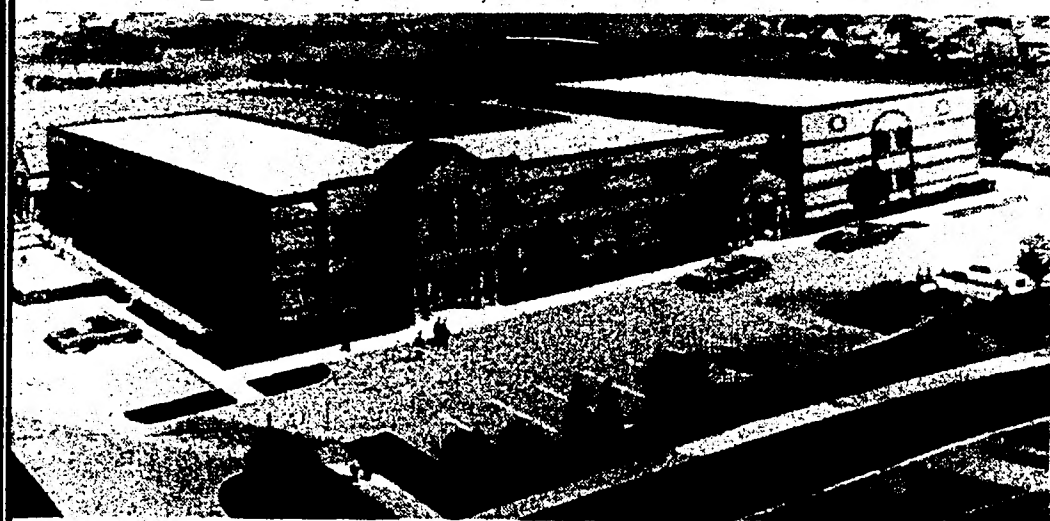
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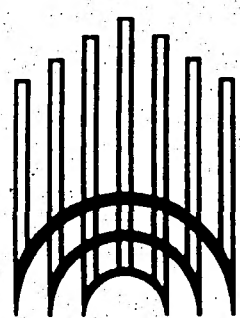
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## Synagogue services outlined

By BEN ROSE

A minyan for the Israeli community in Toronto is now held each Shabbat at the Lubavitch Community Centre on Chabad Gate, according to Rabbi Zalman Grossbaum. The Centre added a staff member last year to help Israelis adjust to life in Toronto.

Several youth services will be held during the High Holy Day services this year by Chabad Lubavitch of Markham at the Thornhill Community Centre. A games room for children will be provided during the services.

An educational service will be held again this year during the High Holy Day services at Beth Avraham Yoseph of Toronto Congregation on Clark Ave. West. It is held in the Social Hall and is led by Ohr Somayach.

Regular services will be held in the main sanctuary and chapel.

Membership in the congregation has increased to 550 families and it now offers full service dairy catering for the first time.

A Brownies group has been added to the myriad activities for children.

Traditional High Holy Day services at B'nai Shalom North Congregation led by Rabbi Solomon Domb will be held at the main multi-purpose room of the Garnet A. Williams Community Centre. Members of the shul will have reserved seats.

The synagogue's nursery is now open to children as young as 18 months and so varied is the community that the children in the nursery can be heard speaking Hebrew, Russian, French and English.

The shul's school is located at the corner of Arnold Avenue and Bathurst Street, opposite the Promenade Mall. For further information call 731-2797.

Temple Har Zion has started a daily service for the first time at 7:15 a.m. Monday to Friday, followed by a breakfast. Also new is a Sunday



Beth Avraham Yoseph of Toronto Congregation is now well established in Thornhill.

morning service at 9 a.m., while the Shabbat service at 10:30 a.m. continues as before.

Renovations to the sanctuary and educational wing planned for last year had to be put on hold because of the economic climate but it is possible that the sanctuary renovations will go ahead this summer.

Membership is growing and there is a waiting list for the nursery school and the kindergarten. After school programs are held at A.Y. Jackson High School.

A new synagogue, Or Hadash, in Newmarket, has decided to affiliate with the Reform movement, according to Lori Cohen, one of its directors.

As last year, Or Hadash will hold its High Holy Day Services in the Greenacres Nursing Home auditorium in Newmarket.

The growing congregation, which has a mailing list of 150 families, has decided to look into the welfare of Jewish residents of nursing homes in the area, and has set up a visiting committee for this purpose.

Its Hebrew school has had a successful year in the Mazo de la Roche

public school and enrolment has risen to 70 children. There is also a play group for two to four-year-olds.

It conducts services every second week in the York Toy Library in Newmarket.

For further information call Lori Cohen (416) 898-7506.

Carriages in the sanctuary are not an unusual sight at Shaar Shalom Congregation on Don Mills Road north of Steeles Avenue during Shabbat services. "We encourage parents to bring the carriages in and we've never had any disruption of the service because the parents are quite responsible and take the baby out if there is crying," said Rabbi Howard Markose.

The membership has grown to 540 families, most with young children. "There are so many activities for children and youth that the parents keep young too because they get so involved," Rabbi Markose said.

The rabbi is known as a sports fanatic, and his interest is reflected in the membership of his shul, for he is leading a group of 500 to a Blue Jays-Texas Rangers game in September.

For information about Shaar Shalom call 889-4975.

## Women's activities listed

By CAROLYN BLACKMAN

The large number of women's service groups in York Region is indicative of the many women living in the area anxious to take advantage of everything these groups have to offer.

Northern Lights, one of B'nai Brith Women of Canada's newest groups, is geared to women living in Newmarket and Aurora. The group has over 30 members and, although there is a large range in ages, the majority of members are women with young families. This group is the fifth BBW chapter to charter in York Region. The Markham-Unionville chapter has been in existence for over eight years.

Eileen Fields, member services coordinator, says that most BBW groups meet twice a month in the evening and they alternate between business meetings and those with programs such as speakers or demonstrations. All groups take part in fundraising activities to help the many BBW projects which include the kosher shelter for abused women in Toronto and a group house/children's home in Israel. The Mountains of Mittens campaign, a cross-country knitting project that provided mittens to over 1,000 school children, was successful again this year.

BBW, advocating on behalf of women's rights, is planning a Health Day in the fall, which will include information on all aspects of women's health.

For information call B'nai Brith Women of Canada at 630-9313.

Hadassah-WIZO, with over 70

chapters in Toronto has many in Thornhill including several that have members from various locations. There is a Hadassah chapter for young married professional women and two for single women. "We have groups for everyone. Whatever your interests, there is a group for you," says member Ruth Garbe.

She reports that most chapters meet every two or three weeks and programs include speakers, book reviews, cooking demonstrations or current events discussions. "Each chapter determines what it would like to include in their meetings."

Call 789-4373 for more information.

National Council of Jewish Women (NCJW) has over 400 members living north of Steeles and there are groups to suit all age groups and interests. Prospective members are sent a membership kit; afterwards it is determined which group would best fit their needs.

As well as providing a list of speakers to help branches with their programming, Council also assists those branches who wish to share speakers and thus get the most out of their membership dollars. Branches also take part in NCJW projects such as the Passover food drive and helping recent immigrants.

Call NCJW at 633-5100.

Toronto Women's ORT has several chapters in York Region, including one for Russian-speaking women, and one for young couples. All groups meet once a month throughout the year. Those interested in joining can call the ORT office and speak to someone about the group that is best for them.

Meetings include lectures, demonstrations, and various social activities. All groups will be involved in the gala luncheon this summer in honor of National Golden Circle chairman Bertha Derner.

Call 787-0297 for more information.

Emunah Women of Toronto has two chapters in York Region which meet once a month.

Fundraising activities go towards Emunah Women's projects in Israel such as Neve Michael, a children's village in Pardes Chana. Activities include lectures, a bazaar, cooking demonstrations and a melave malka.

In honor of World Emunah Women's 50th anniversary this year, Emunah Women of Toronto is holding a gala in September that features prominent speakers.

Call Emunah Women of Toronto at 635-9847.

Na'amat has about six groups in York Region that meet every two weeks and represent members of all ages. The meetings include such activities as lectures, demonstrations and programs of particular interest to each group.

Na'amat's current national project is the prevention of abuse of the elderly, children and wife abuse. The organization is working on a paper for the National Action Committee on Abuse and each group is working on its own program.

Proceeds from fundraising go towards building a new daycare centre in Ashdod as well as towards the maintenance of Na'amat's day cares, women's centres and vocational high schools throughout Israel.

For more information call Na'amat at 636-5425.



## North of Steeles

# New medical centre offers services, convenience

By CAROLYN BLACKMAN

**T**hornhill's medical services improved recently with the opening of North-Med Medical Centre, a one-stop centre that fulfils a wide range of medical needs.

Included in the centre, on Bathurst Street just north of Steeles, is a number of family physicians, an eye physician and surgeon, a dermatologist, two pediatricians as well as a dentist, chiropractor, physiotherapist, X-ray and ultrasound technicians, a laboratory and a pharmacy.

Eli Swirsky, president of Torgan

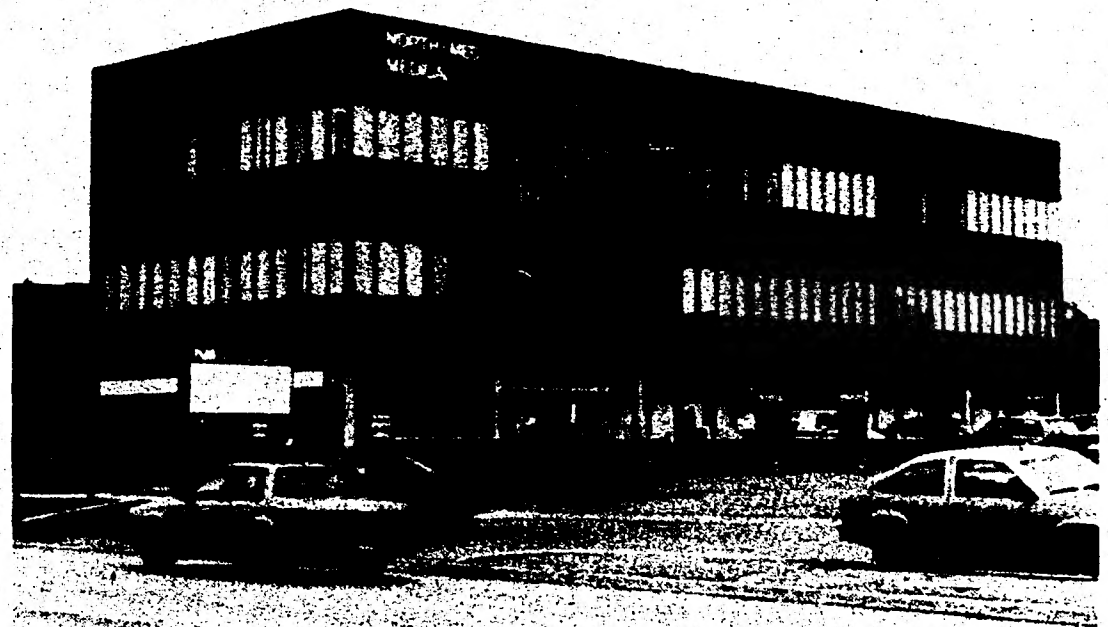
Group, developers of the centre, says that pending is a walk-in medical clinic and an optician. "Until the centre opened, that area north of Steeles was not served by a medical centre. People had to go from one building to the next to fulfil their medical needs. This saves people a lot of valuable time, especially with the laboratory and pharmacy on the premises."

He adds that because it is very close to the Bathurst and Steeles intersection, the centre is accessible by TTC with a short walk north of Steeles or by car. "Many doctors have moved in from a south of Steeles location and their patients are quite happy about it. Even if it is a bit further from their home, the convenience of all the serv-

ices together makes it worthwhile."

He says that prospective patients who would like to visit a doctor in the building can drop into the pharmacy for advice. "The pharmacist will take a little bit of the patient's background, assess his needs and direct him to the doctor that best fits the bill. It's a great service because many people just don't know where to turn when they are looking for a new doctor."

Swirsky stresses that in a growing area such as Thornhill, where so many people work, keep house and take care of kids, it is very important to have medical services as convenient as possible. "A full service medical centre such as this, is just what they need."



North-Med Medical Centre offers complete medical and dental services, including a lab and pharmacy.

## Outlets cater to educated clients

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He says that they have a tremendous selection of sizes. "We sell high-end, high quality, high fashion shoes and boots at discount prices. We are the only store of its kind where everything is always on sale."

Selection includes shoes, boots, infant shoes, running shoes for babies to teenagers. Little Shoe Palace also has a children's play area, so the wait for everyone to be fitted is not as hard on the children or their parents.

Marmorstein added that he plans to double the size of his Bathurst and Lawrence store so that he can offer the same services and play area there.

Clothes are not the only item peo-

ple like to buy from discount or warehouse stores. Caynes, which recently moved into an 8,500 square foot facility on Doncaster, sells kitchenware, small appliances, dishes, gadgets, plastic canisters in all colors and shapes, bakeware, and pantryware, all at popular prices.

"We offer quality brand names at the absolute lowest price every day," says owner Gerry Cayne.

"We are dealing with an educated customer," he says, "who knows exactly what he or she wants, but is not willing to pay shopping centre prices. They want U.S. pricing, and are smart enough to use the necessary resources to get it."

Then there is food. Even this most

necessary of purchases is not immune from the search for service, selection and quality at low prices.

Witness Seafood Warehouse, located in an industrial complex on Denison Street in Markham.

Henry Ender says his facility has been selling to businesses since 1983. Last year, he decided to sell directly to the public as well, at the same wholesale prices.

The Seafood Warehouse offers an eye-boggling array of frozen fish, a good deal of it kosher, cheeses, sauces, bottled herring, even juice and ice cream.

Ender is especially proud of his huge walk-in cooler, the only one in Ontario, where he can display much of his wares on shelves.

Seafood Warehouse also produces kosher smoked salmon in Vancouver under the name Golden Harbor, which is shipped to his Denison store for distribution. He hopes soon to be able to produce kosher fish of all kinds, including salmon, halibut, red snapper and tuna steaks.

He says that people have less disposable income, and need better breaks. "So we want to keep prices really low so people will have no need to go to Buffalo."

All businesses will have to have that attitude, he believes, to succeed in the 1990s. "Yuppies used to say spend, spend, spend. Now it's save, save, save."

He stresses that an essential component of his business philosophy is a knowledgeable staff. "People still don't trust us (discount warehouses). They need to ask questions, and we need to be able to reassure them."

To reinforce this belief, Ender also offers a 100 percent guarantee. "People can get a full refund even if there is nothing wrong with the product but they just didn't like it."



Customers enjoy a wide array of foods at discount prices at the Seafood Warehouse. Owner Henry Ender plans to expand his present facility, and open new branches. [Alron photo]

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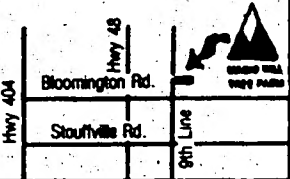
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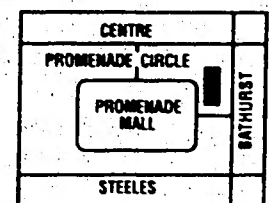
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(From left) Miriam Shapiro, Mara Rubinoff (son Jack's fiancée) and Barry Shapiro at Magic Hill Tree Farm. Son Jack is sitting on the tractor. [Alron photo]

## Magic Hill Tree Farm has entertaining crop

By LEILA SPEISMAN

**W**hat's a nice Jewish boy (and his family) doing on a tree farm near 9th Line and the Bloomington Sideroad? Picnics, hayrides, magic shows and birthday parties is what.

Barry Shapiro and his wife Miriam originally bought the heritage farm in 1980, as an alternative to his import business. He decided to plant evergreen trees, to be used as Christmas trees and for landscape purposes.

With the deepening recession, the Shapiros sold their house in Toronto and moved into a century home on the property. Two solariums they added on look over the spectacular view of the farm.

Their first business project, which Barry Shapiro describes as being highly successful, was selling Christmas trees.

That isn't as easy as it sounds, because evergreen trees take 10 years to grow, and every tree has to be pruned once every year.

He also felt that he could not use his own name — ("how does Shapiro's Christmas Tree Farm sound?") so he opened under the name Horton's.

But Shapiro had bigger ambitions.

The family, including his son Jack and daughter Debby Berger, had been doing magic shows for charity under the name "Sad Shaps" for over 15 years, so they decided to build on their love of entertaining.

Magic Hill Tree farm, as it is now called, specializes in birthday parties — but what birthday parties.

For a basic fee of \$100 or \$4 per child, youngsters can have a hay ride in a tractor-driven haywagon, play on a sand hill, have wiener roasts, look at chickens, ducks and rabbits and play in the 150-year-old barn.

They can even visit a pioneer museum, stocked with farm tools and other implements the Shapiros found on the property.

For a slightly added cost, Shapiro will arrange a magic show, face painting, balloon art, or other entertainment.

Food is also available. For those who keep kosher, Shapiro will supply kosher hot dogs (which will be cooked on special sticks, set aside for kosher cooking). He said that he only serves kosher drinks and chips.

Shapiro will also arrange old-fashioned games, such as potato sack races. Besides for winning, prizes are given for achievements like the biggest foot, or the least hair.

Another project is old fashioned picnics, which Shapiro will organize for groups from 50 to 250 people. Besides the activities available for birthday parties, Shapiro can arrange for a folk singer, treasure hunt, or other fun things.

## Sense of fun

No alcohol is permitted on the farm. In October, Shapiro is planning "October Adventure," on Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights. Plans so far include a haunted barn, a howling hay ride, Dracula's theatre, and the monsters munch house (usually the snack bar.)

The farm will be closed for parties from November 1 to March 31, although people can book special snow hayrides.

A sense of fun pervades the place. Signs around the farm include "We pine for you" near the trees, and a display of the different kinds of trees grown on the farm, including "coat tree" over, what else, an old coat tree.

A stone asks "Please turn over." When you do (and who wouldn't) it says "Thank you."

Near one of the three fire pits, Shapiro has built an entrance to "ye olde mine" which people can crawl through and wind up, well, at the other end of the entrance.

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# Choice of schools increasing in York Region

By JOSEPH SERGE

There are many Jewish schools operating in the York Region area. Below is a list of some of these schools and what they specialize in. **Eitz Chaim School** is an Orthodox day school located at 80 York Hill Blvd. Soon to begin its sixth year, it currently has over 250 children, mainly girls, enrolled in its pre-school to Grade 6 programs.

It is one of three Eitz Chaim branches in the greater metropolitan area and specializes in Hebrew and general studies. It will be reaching its capacity soon as the classes are getting larger each year. Although there are no plans right now, the school might have to expand, should the necessity arise.

**Temple Har Zion Religious School**, located at 7360 Bayview Ave., has been providing supplemen-

tary Jewish education to Reform boys and girls for 20 years.

It has approximately 350 students from junior kindergarten to Grade 10. It has no immediate plans to expand.

**Chabad Markham Hebrew School** is an afternoon school which teaches out of Thornlea Secondary School on Bayview Avenue. It started three years ago with 60 students and has grown to 150. Principal Rabbi Meir Gitlin says it will have 200 students next year, "and I believe it will continue growing."

The school teaches its kindergarten to Grade 8 students a variety of Jewish and Hebrew subjects. In Grade 8 the course is designed to answer questions the students might have in order to prepare them for their post bar/bat mitzvah years. "We put emphasis on Jewish pride," Rabbi Gitlin says.

**Cheder Chabad** is a full-day school for boys, currently operating to Grade 6. It adds one grade every year and expects to have 120 students

from kindergarten to Grade 7 next year.

The 9-year-old school focuses on "enhanced Hebrew studies," says Rabbi Yona Shur, school director. In addition to secular studies, the program offers a variety of Jewish and Hebrew subjects. It is located at the Chabad Lubavitch Community Centre at 770 Chabad Gate.

Operating since 1983, **B'nai Shalom** is an afternoon school catering to 250 students from kindergarten to bar/bat mitzvah age. It operates on Sunday mornings and Monday and Wednesday evenings.

It specializes in education on Israel, Hebrew heritage and language as well as dance and music. It first started operating out of the Westminster Public School but is now located at the York Hill Elementary School at 350 Hilda Ave., just south of Clark Avenue West.

The **Lubavitch Learning Centre** is a nursery school serving 48 chil-

dren from the ages of 2½ to 4½.

It offers basic junior kindergarten programs and specializes in hands-on learning of Jewish traditions and holidays. "The kids have a really good time," says Rivka Yarmush, supervisor. It is located at 770 Chabad Gate.

At **United Congregational Schools**, "We pride ourselves on being Zionist-oriented," says Rabbi Moshe Ben Baruch, school principal.

Its north branch, operating out of Westminster Public School, has been offering Jewish education to over 400 boys and girls from grades 1 to 7 for about eight years.

The **United Synagogue Day School** has been in operation for five years. It currently houses almost 200 students from junior kindergarten to Grade 3.

It adds two classes each year and next year will have over 200 boys and girls enrolled in junior kindergarten to Grade 4. It teaches English and Hebrew and other mainstream

courses like French. It is located at Bayview Avenue and Weldrick.

**Ner Israel Yeshiva** is a high school for boys located at 8950 Bathurst St., north of Highway 7.

The school, which has been in operation for 33 years, currently has 180 students from grades 8 to 13. The curriculum is broken up into morning and afternoon classes. The morning sees the young men studying intensive Hebrew and Jewish courses while the afternoon is devoted to secular studies.

**Shaareh Haim** school has been in operation for 14 years. It is an afternoon school catering to over 300 boys and girls from kindergarten to Grade 7.

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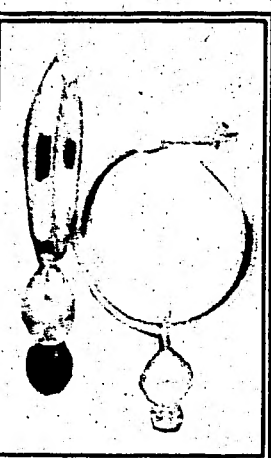
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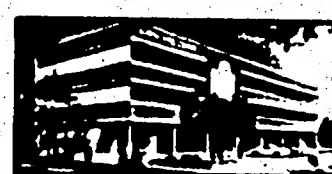
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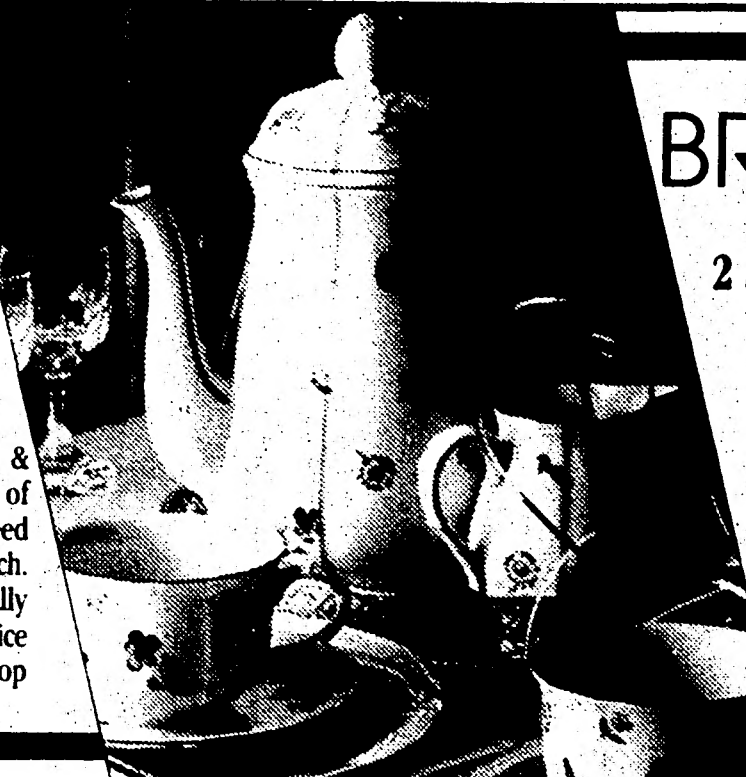
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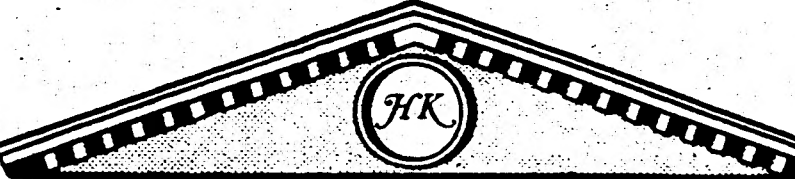
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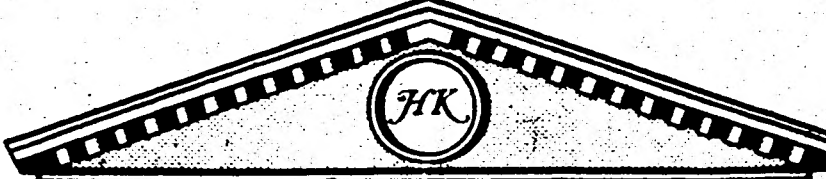
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**SUPERB 4 BDRM. BUNG. IN PRIME YORK MILLS/BAYVIEW**, gorgeous lot w/150' front, dead end street, close to schools & trans. \$749,000. Please call B. Krieger 441-2888.

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**\$495,000. BEST VALUE** - Prime Annex Victorian income prop. 4 units, renov. show well, income pot. \$50K. Please call E. Cohen/D. Fulgosi 488-4488.

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**EGLINTON & AVENUE RD. FOR LEASE 1,300 S/F.** New retail office - office busy trade area, turn key, parking. Please call Cathy McEniry 488-4488.

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Lg. bung., 2 kitchs., 50'x132' lot. Bargain! Sasha Alexander, 731-7111.

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Updated 3 bdrm., semi bung. + 2 sep. bsmt. apts. Ted Waxman, 731-7111.

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3 bd., 2 storey semi, fin. bsmt. \$235,900. Evelyn Pollack, 731-7111.

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Grand custom built (3 yrs. new) home. Ultra modern design. Soaring entrance. 5 BR., marble baths, fam. rm., library. \*J. Solomon.

**REDUCED BY \$100,000**

Exceptional value in Forest Hill. 4 BR., superb kitchen renovation, mn. fir. fam.-rm. & den, CAC. Enjoy the pool. \*Linda Rose.

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**UPPER VILLAGE — \$789,000**

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Bright 3 BR. townhouse, 4 baths, family rm. + w/o, skylight, sauna. Private garden. CAC. Walk to amenities. \*Marlene Federman.

**GILGORM RM. — \$528,000**

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**ALLENBY SCHOOL — \$489,000**

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NOW \$359,000. Lovely 3 BR., eat-in kitchen, fin. lower level w/separate entry. Private drive/attached garage. VTB Mtge. \*Edie Winberg.

**BATHURST/GLENCAIRN — \$569,000**

Fabulous 2-storey family home. 4 BR., 4 baths, main fir. den + w/o, fin. lower level w/nanny's rm. CAC. Great lot! \*Syma Solomon.

**GLENVIEW AVE. — \$429,000**

Beautiful 3-4 BR. home on huge lot. State-of-the-art kitchen, generous rooms, nanny's suite. Walk to John Ross. \*Carol Cotton.

**AVENUE RD/LAWRENCE — \$518,000**

Spectacular reno., 4 BR., **SOLD** 1, mn. fir. fam. rm., Indry. rm. & pwr. rm., nanny's quarters. \*\*Don Wagman/Marlene Federman.

**BATHURST/LAWRENCE — \$499,000**

Over 4,000 sq. ft. of elegance. Marble foyer, reno. 4 BR., 5 baths, mn. fir. fam. rm. + w/o deck, sauna, fin. level. \*Ruth Halperin.

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Bathurst/Wilson. Beautifully updated 3 VBR. bungalow. White kitchen, fin. level w/sep. entry. Walk to Bobov School. \*\*Gary Mitchell.

**BATHURST/STEELES — \$389,000**

Gracious 5 BR., spacious foyer, 3 baths, mn. fir. fam. rm. & Indry. rm., lrg. kitchen + w/o yard. CAC. Att. garage. \*Barbara Kaplan.

**CHIEFTAIN/FIFESHIRE**

\$1,290,000. Stately Georgian on magnificently landscaped grounds. Totally renovated. 4-5 BR., fam. rm., fin. level. \*E. Stanton.

**BAYVIEW/YORK MILLS**

\$1,390,000. Desirable location! 5 BR., 6 baths, spacious fam. rm., fin. level, outstanding pool area. Over 1/3 acre. \*\*Harold Hillman.

**YONGE/YORK MILLS — \$638,000**

Prestigious location! Spacious home boasts 4 BR., master ens., mn. fir. fam. rm. & den, nanny's rm. Dble. garage. \*Mary Goldberg.

**CONDOMINIUMS**

**YONGE/EGLINTON — JUST REDUCED!**

Luxury 1 BR. designer suite, stunning kitchen & bath. Thousands in upgrades. Park view. 24 hour security. Must see! \*Robert Kerzner.

**ESTATE SALE — \$229,000**

Avenue Rd/Lawrence. Bright 2 BR., 2 baths, ensuite laundry, balcony. Central air. Parking. Great views. Priced to sell. \*Ron Cowan.

**3000 BATHURST — NOW \$239,000**

Exquisite 2 BR. + fam. rm., master ens., parquet flrs., ens. laundry, underground parking. 24 hr. security. Walk to TTC. \*M. Federman.

**ANTIBES DR. — \$159,900**

Bathurst/Finch. Spacious 3 BR., solarium, bright eat-in kitchen, 2 baths, great recreation centre. 2 car parking. \*Gayle Mitchell.

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7 Bdrm, 3 stry, totally renovated, granite Domani kit, 5 baths, mn fir den. Linda Reitaple 488-2875.

**SENSATIONAL CORTLEIGHT BLVD.**

\$1,295,000. 7 Bdrms, tastefully renovated, mn fir fam rm & pwr. Pool! J. Wagman/C. Kwinter 488-2875.

**181 WARREN ROAD — POWER OF SALE!**

\$\$\$ Can be saved on this prime Village residence with gracious mn fir + 9 bdrms. Susan Slater 488-2875.

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Concrete and steel construction. One of a kind design! J. Wagman/S. Slater 488-2875.

**STUNNING ARCHITECTURAL GEM!**

South facing walk-out to rear deck and pool, gourmet kit, lrg princ rms. Bernard Pike 488-2875.

**21 ROSEMARY LANE — VILLAGE SPECIAL**

\$749,000. A must to view! 6 Bdrms on 2nd flr. Walk-out to porch, huge princ rms. Susan Slater 488-2875.

**NEW LISTING! TOTAL RENO \$719,000**

5 Bdrms, 6 baths, fam rm. Beautiful lot, prime Forest Hill. Like new inside! Janice Fox 488-2875.

**DESIRABLE CEDARVALE! GREAT VALUE!**

Gracious & oversized rms, mn fir den with walk-out to yard, hrdwd thruout. Lynda Stoneman 226-1987.

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Stunning renovated 2 stry with fam rm & den. Newly landscaped. \$649,000. Rosilyn Sitzer 226-1987.

**86 KIMBARK BLVD. MAJOR REDUCTION!**

Vendor says sell! 4 Bdrms, fam reno, mirror/marble, new kit, 4 baths, w/o pool. Susan Slater 488-2875.

**BATHURST/SHEPPARD 5 BR 2 STRY**

Prestige child safe court, sunken LR, oak walls, marble floors, fin bsmt, 4 baths. Asking \$539,000. Dale Noble/Les Levine 226-1987.

**LEGAL TRIPLEX LAWRENCE/ALLEN EXP**

Suit family use + income. Large 2-3 bdrm, 1-2 bdrm, 3 gar, balcony, 5 mins to TTC! Goldie Kay 226-1987.

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Wish you could design your own home? Approx. 2,000 sq ft, prime location. Janice Fox 488-2875.

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3 Baths, fam rm, 50'x131 ft lot, beautiful finishes. \$499,900. Robert Samery 488-2875.

**1ST AD! LUXURY FOUR-PLEX**

2 Bedroom suites, 12 ft ceilings, fireplaces, w/o decks, ceramics & pkg. R. Sherman 226-1987.

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Family room, play room, indoor pool, ensuite bath. \$474,900. Robert Samery 488-2875.

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On Bedford Park, East of Avenue rd, 3+ bdrms, 4 baths, 2 car pkg, fam rm. Janice Fox 488-2875.

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**DOWNTOWN VICTORIAN — INCOME \$**

Only \$349,000 & flexible! 3 Stry + fin bsmt, this property carries! Maurice Gherson 488-2875.

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Traditional 3 bdrm w/old charm, reno kit & bath, hrdwd, sun rm, fireplace. Lynda Stoneman 226-1987.

**REDUCED TO SELL — CEDARVALE**

Great value! Transit at your door, 3 bdrm w/new bath, eat-in kit, sep side ent. Bonnie Singer 488-2875.

**SUN FILLED BEAUTY! TOTALLY UPDATED**

Move in condition, 2 bdrm, magnificent mature grounds! Fin bsmt with new bath. Totally updated. J. Wagman/C. Kwinter 488-2875.

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\$284,000. Renovated with 3 self-contained units, 2 car pkg. Richard Sherman 226-1987.

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Estate sale! 3 Bdrm bung, sep side ent to 2 bdrm in-law suite. Won't last! Bonnie Singer 488-2875.

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10% return! Clean updated bung, steps to park, TTC, 2 bsmt apts, 50' lot, dbl gar. \$233,900. L. Levine 226-1987.

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**DANFORTH STARTER REDUCED \$194,500**

New kit/sun rm, open LR/DR, reno. 2 Bdrm + in-law suite, sep ent. Park 4 cars. Susan Slater 488-2875.

**ESTATE SALE — MUST SELL!**

Upper Beaches semi, 3 kit, 3 sep ent, large rm sizes, pkg. Priced to sell fast! Bonnie Singer 488-2875.

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**\$489,000 BAYVIEW/YORK MILLS**

St. Andrews opportunity! 3 Bdrms + den, fin lower, 50 x 130 ft lot. Janie Lerner/Sharon Bobkin 226-1987.

**\$399,000 CUSTOM BUILT ON RAVINE!**

Bathurst/Carrville! Open concept, w/o bsmt + + +. Must be seen! Olga Guvenal 226-1987.

**1ST AD! YONGE/SHEPPARD! \$389,000**

Sensationally updated open concept, 3 bdrm, 3 bath, fab spa, dbl garage! Rena Bader 226-1987.

**YONGE/SHEPPARD — DET 40' PRIV. LOT**

Mn fir fam rm & pwr rm! s Bdrms, fin bsmt & 4th bdrm, CAC. \$299,000! Maurice Gherson 488-2875.

**DRAMATICALLY REDUCED! BATHURST/CLARK**

Fab large 4 bdrm, mn fir fam & laundry, dbl gar, great street! Only \$279,900. Dale Noble 226-1987.

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**FABULOUS 155' WATERFRONT COTTAGE**

\$449,000. Near 8 Mile Point, Orillia. 5 Bdrms, 2 baths, fab property & great views of lake! E. Lewis 488-2875.

**CONDOMINIUMS**

**PRESTIGIOUS HAZELTON LANES**

Over 3,000 sq ft, 4 bdrm, 2 1/2 baths, huge princ rms & w/o's to landscaped terrace. R. Roebuck 488-2875.

**HAZELTON LANES POWER OF SALE!**

Is this a deal! 3,400 sq ft of luxury for only \$685,000. 2 Stry, 3 bdrms, 3 baths. Janice Fox 488-2875.

**"SKYMARK" "THE CLASSIC"**

Fantastic, large 2 bedroom + family room. Marty Wagman 226-1987.

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Join your friends here! 2 Bdrm, 2 bath, security, easy living. Pauline Spence 226-1987.

**235 ST. CLAIR LOW RISE \$214,900**

Large open 2 bdrm with full balcony, 2 full baths, large locker and lot of pkg. Robert Samery 488-2875.

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Stunning ultra modern 4 bdrm, bleach & ebony woods, marble ++ \*Esther Greenbaum 764-7200.

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Huge kitchen, 3,417' upgraded, backs onto million \$ homes. Open Sunday 2-4 p.m. \*Harvey Siegel or Janette Shulman 764-7200.

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4 bdrms, gorgeous kitchen, \$\$ spent in upgrades. Vendor leaving country. \*Betty Goldkind 764-7200.

### BAYVIEW & STEELES \$485,000

Shows to perfection! 7 room detached home, large lot. \*Sarah Rovet 764-7200.

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Immaculate 4 bdrm, prof. finished bsmt, steps to shull \*Shula Schwartzman 764-7200.

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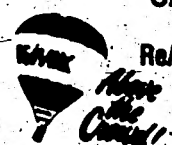
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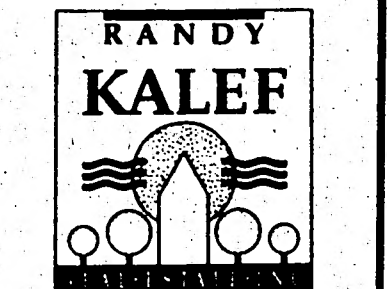
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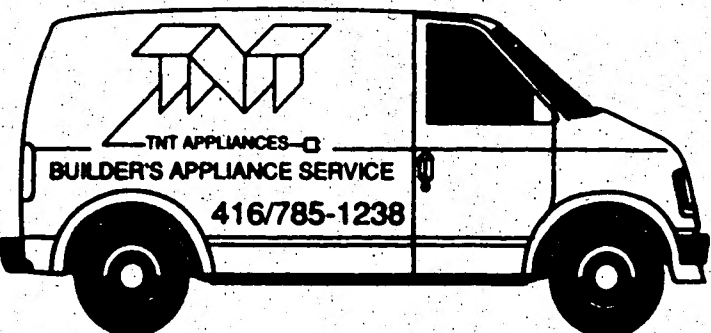
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